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KISSINGER TO CAIRO, JERUSALEM TO PUSH SEPARATION ACCORD

Labour begins talks to form 'same coalition'

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV.—The Labour Alignment will today begin negotiations in an effort to form the same coalition as in the outgoing government, with the possible addition of the ultra-orthodox Aguda Front. The Alignment negotiators are due to meet separately with the representatives of the National Religious Party and the Independent Liberals, and possibly the Aguda.

The Alignment leadership wants to expedite the negotiating process so as to be ready to form a government soon after President Katzir has set in motion the official consultation process with the various parties.

The Labour Party's team will today meet with Mapam leaders to evolve a common Alignment stand. They will without doubt decide to reject the NRP proposal for a coalition including the Likud.

The Labour Alignment is also not expected to entertain for a moment the proposal of ILP chairman and Tourism Minister Moshe Kol to form a government without binding policy-lines. The Mapam political secretary, Naftali Feder, last night rejected this idea as "unacceptable and unworkable." He was expressing the view adopted by the Mapam Political Committee yesterday.

Labour party sources pointed out, in reference to Mr Kol's idea, that the Basic Law — The Government specifies that a government must adopt basic policy lines.

The NRP executive yesterday chose its negotiating team and instructed it to strive for a national coalition. The executive also urged the Aguda to join the coalition negotiations and coordinate its position with the NRP.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg appealed to both the Alignment and the Likud to be more flexible so as to facilitate the formation of a national emergency coalition.

Dr. Burg is due to meet Likud leader Menahem Begin this morning before the NRP team meets with the Alignment.

The Likud leader called on Defence Minister Moshe Dayan at his Zahala home on Tuesday night. It is understood that Mr. Begin wished to learn Mr. Dayan's views on a wide range of issues, including the coalition. It is understood that the Defence Minister reiterated his position that in all matters pertaining to the coalition he relies entirely on Premier Meir's judgment.

Sharon asked to make up his mind

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Aluf Arik Sharon will have to make up his mind within the next few days whether to stay in the army or take his seat in the Knesset, it was reliably learned yesterday.

It is believed that Sharon himself would prefer to retain his command of a division on the Egyptian front and at the same time keep his seat in the Likud benches of the Knesset by giving an undertaking to the Chief of Staff that while in uniform he will not meddle in politics.

A source close to Sharon told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that "he is definitely staying in the army. However, other sources say he is undecided and may opt to leave the army for the Knesset in order to be able to influence current political-strategic decisions.

(According to a subsection of the Elections Law a Knesset candidate shall not serve in reserve service in the period before the elections. But there is no law prohibiting a Knesset member, once elected, from serving in the reserves. He may be mobilized with the approval of the House Committee in consultation with the Defence Minister.)

Mapam call for ousting of Dayan

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mapam last night demanded the ousting of Moshe Dayan as Minister of Defence. Mapam Secretary-General Meir Ya'ari said in a TV interview that the prevailing view in Mapam is that Dayan should be excluded from the new Government." His party intended to demand this when it met with the Labour section of the Alignment.

One of the leaders of ex-Rafi wing of Labour, Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi — asked to comment on the Mapam call — said: "It's not so much the person as the political line that Mapam wants to change."

Mr. Ya'acobi said he was sure Y. Tsimi was well aware that the Prime Minister decided on her choice of ministers in consultation with the constituent division of the Alignment.

The Rafi leader asked why Mr. Tsimi had chosen to wait until now, just before the government was being formed, to press this demand. Why did Mapam not say so when the Alignment Knesset list was formed and when the Prime Minister registered her confidence in the Defence Minister?

'Karate champion heads Israeli killer squads'

PARIS (Reuter). — The widow of a leaders of a Palestinian terrorist leader murdered here claimed yesterday that a James Bond-type figure — a colonel in the Israeli secret service — headed Israeli assassination squads throughout Europe.

They described the man as a karate champion, tall, blond and in his 40s who travelled freely and was welcomed in the Arab world under the guise of a successful French industrialist.

At a press conference Mrs. Marie Claude Hamchari, whose husband was killed by a bomb blast at his home here exactly a year ago, said friends of the dead Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) representative to France had just concluded a private investigation.

"We can not name the man yet for legal reasons but we have proof that he was present in Paris each of the three times Palestinian officials were murdered here and was also in Rome and Nicosia when PLO delegates were killed there," Pro-Arab university professor Vincent Monteil told the press conference which was heavily guarded by police.

The man has both French and Israeli passports and is very much an accepted figure in Arab countries where he invests considerable sums of money in public works contracts, Prof. Monteil said. "We are heading in his case for a new Elie Cohen affair," he said.

Greek policeman armed with sub-machinegun sits on armoured car while guarding El Al airliner at Athens airport yesterday — as security was tightened at all European airports. Story on page 5. (AP radiophoto)

DEFENDANT AT OSLO SAYS:

Wrong man may have been killed

OSLO (UPI). — The alleged Black September man shot to death last July may have been killed by mistake, one of the six Israeli and Jewish defendants on trial for espionage and conspiracy said yesterday.

"Ahmed Bouchiki did not fit the picture of the man we were looking for," said defendant Marianne Gladnikoff, 30, when questioned by State Prosecutor Haakon Wiker.

A group of about 15 Jews allegedly liquidated Bouchiki last July because they thought he was a Palestinian terrorist leader planning terror attacks against Israeli embassies and institutions in Scandinavia, it is charged.

The two men who actually carried out the liquidation got away and police sources said they were still at large. The six defendants have been charged with complicity but all pleaded innocent.

Miss Gladnikoff admitted that she and the other defendants had followed Bouchiki around before he was killed. But she said she knew nothing about the murder until the next day and that she did not realize the Israeli group had gone to Norway to kill someone.

"The actual leader of the group was a man called Mike," Miss Gladnikoff said. Police sources said "Mike" was a French citizen who left Norway before the slaying.

Part of yesterday's session was held in camera and with the courtroom cleared of newsmen and observers.

Another defendant, Sylvia Rafael, 36, an Israeli born in South Africa, also testified that "Mike" had been the leader and said she had no idea of his plans when she arrived in Norway on a forged passport last summer.

Court sources said Wiker and Judge Erling Haugen during the closed session questioned Miss Rafael about their training in Israel before the killing and about her relationship with another defendant, Dan Arbel. Arbel told police investigators that Israeli intelligence had planned the murder of Bouchiki, according to Wiker's opening statement on Tuesday.

Bouchiki was shot to death as he and his Norwegian wife left their Lillehammer home outside Oslo on July 21.

Court officials said they expected the trial will last for two or three weeks. Security is the strictest since World War II, with armed police in bullet-proof vests ringing the conference centre used as a special court room.

In Port Elizabeth, South Africa, the widowed mother of Miss Rafael said she was "proud" of her daughter.

Mrs. Miriam Raphael said, "It's no use pretending that it isn't my Sylvia," she said. "But I am proud of my daughter."

Mrs. Raphael said Sylvia left South Africa a year ago to settle in Israel and she had received no news from her daughter since her arrest in Norway in July.

Soldier killed by Syrians

Jerusalem Post Military Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An Israeli soldier was killed in an exchange of artillery with the Syrians on Tuesday in which six other Israelis were earlier reported wounded south of Mazrat Beit Jann, the army spokesman said yesterday.

The announcement of his death was delayed pending notification of next of kin.

The Syrian front was quiet yesterday. But on the Egyptian front, artillery and mortar fire raged from 10.30 in the morning to nearly 5 p.m. on a seven-kilometre front northwest of Fayid.

The Egyptians started with 82-inch mortars and then used 122-mm. guns. Shooting extended from a point eight kms. west of Fayid to 15 kms. westwards, bending to the south and reaching 10 kms. from the Kilometre 101 checkpost.

The military spokesman listed the firing at 10.30 a.m., 11.10 a.m., 11.20 a.m., 1.45 p.m., 2.10 p.m., 3.30 p.m. and 4.10 p.m. It is understood that Israeli troops replied heavily. Tanks were also involved in the shooting.

There were no Israeli casualties in these incidents, or when the Egyptians opened small arms fire on Israeli troops at 1 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. The fire was returned.

Grenade thrown near Hebron

A handgrenade was thrown yesterday evening at an army vehicle passing near Durra village, south of Hebron. There were no casualties. Security forces are investigating.

Itim reported last night that the grenade landed in the vehicle but bounced out as the car rounded a sharp curve, exploding harmlessly in the street.

During the day security forces blew up two houses in the village of Damoun, near Nablus. Both buildings belonged to Rashid Mustafa Abdul Karim, who was arrested three weeks ago on suspicion of membership in a hostile organization, Itim said.

Bringing ideas to Egyptians

By IRA SILVERMAN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTGON. — Confirming rumours that persisted all week, the White House announced yesterday that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will visit Egypt and Israel beginning tomorrow. Dr. Kissinger is making the journey to help Egypt and Israel reach agreement on the separation and disengagement of their forces along the Suez front, it was stated.

It is understood that Kissinger, who received detailed proposals from Defence Minister Dayan last weekend and subsequent clarifications through Ambassador Simcha Dinitz on procedures for disengagement, will bring these ideas to the Egyptian leadership. Mr. Dinitz will leave for Jerusalem today after seeing Dr. Kissinger late last night.

The stalemate of the Geneva talks on disengagement has not represented a monumental impasse, State Department spokesman George Vest stated. But it is clear, in the view of American and Israeli officials, that no progress can be made at Geneva until after the Kissinger meetings.

This has given rise to questions here about whether the talks in Geneva represent meaningful direct meetings or are only window-dressing to cover the real negotiations occurring through Kissinger's mediation. The State Department maintains that the Geneva talks are nevertheless necessary, since "there are always fine points" to be discussed. Vest said that it is well known that in any conference limited activity occurs at the conference table, and much in the corridors. In this case, he said, the conference table is at Geneva, but the corridors are all over the world, including Washington and the Middle Eastern capitals.

Kissinger will be accompanied on his trip by Ellsworth Bunker, chief of the U.S. delegation to Geneva, Carlyle Maw, State Department legal adviser, and Kissinger's team of Middle East aides: Joseph Sisco, newly nominated Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs, his deputy Alfred Atherton, and Harold Saunders, Middle East man of the National Security Council staff.

The promotion of Sisco to Under-Secretary, announced on Tuesday, is seen here to reflect Kissinger's confidence that this team has been constructive and worth retaining. Kissinger, not prone to sharing the limelight, has told friends that Sisco has been all but indispensable in staying on top of the fast-moving Middle East developments, including his active participation in the talks with Dayan.

More of Kissinger's aims in his forthcoming Middle East trip may be revealed today when he appears with Federal Energy Office director William Simon in a press conference.

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will fly tonight to Cairo and to Jerusalem on Saturday night to speed up an accord between Egypt and Israel on the disengagement of their forces at the Suez Canal, Dr. Kissinger hopes to achieve agreement by the beginning of next week. Washington sees this as the signal for the start of the second stage of the Middle East peace conference in Geneva expected later this month.

Both the Soviet Union and the United Nations were yesterday formally notified of Dr. Kissinger's visit, his third Middle East tour since he authored a cease-fire to the October war.

Dr. Kissinger will be accompanied by high-ranking aides, some of whom are likely to go to Damascus, Amman and Beirut in preparation for a second round of full-scale talks in Geneva.

Dr. Kissinger was scheduled to stay in the region for about a week, indicating that he might go back to Cairo after his Jerusalem visit and probably to other neighbouring Arab capitals. Observers expected the Secretary of State to formulate a disengagement accord as he did with the six-point cease-fire stabilization agreement during his November tour.

The observers also expressed the opinion that Dr. Kissinger will stay here until the parties concerned are prepared to go Geneva for the second stage of the Middle East conference which is likely to be attended first by the permanent delegations of the participant countries and a week later by the Foreign Ministers including the U.S. Secretary of State himself, that of the Soviet Union, Israel, Egypt, Jordan and probably Syria's and Lebanon's.

Kissinger's negotiations on a disengagement accord were expected to concentrate on a plan outlined during Defence Minister Moshe Dayan's talks in Washington last weekend. No details of the plan were believed to have been discussed at yesterday's sixth session of the Israel and the Egyptian military negotiators in Geneva yesterday. They are now expected to fly home for consultations in view of Dr. Kissinger's visit to Cairo and Jerusalem. The negotiators plan to meet again in Geneva next Tuesday.

The disengagement was believed to have been discussed in Egypt Tuesday with U. Ambassador Hermann Eilts, who had attended part of Mr. Dayan's talks in Washington.

The proposals were yesterday the focus of intensive consultations which Egyptian President Anwar Sadat conducted with Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy and War Minister General Ahmed Ismail Aly. Sadat was conducting his diplomatic activity at the Upper Egypt city of Aswan where he has been recovering from bronchitis.

Fahmy yesterday conferred with Abdul-Mon'em Rifai, King Hussein's adviser and head of Jordan's permanent delegation to the Geneva peace conference. Rifai's talks with Fahmy and an earlier conference with Sadat followed reports that Egypt was patching up its differences with Jordan and Syria — stemming from the two countries' suspicions over Cairo's independent moves towards a settlement with Israel.

No details were disclosed on the Rifai talks. Jordan has demanded that the separation of forces include also those on the Jordanian and the Syrian fronts before the Geneva conference moves into the political stage, at which the Arabs expect to tackle the territorial issues and the Palestinian case.

Rifai's talks concerning his own country and Syria's stand were likely to have a bearing on the Egyptian negotiations with Dr. Kissinger although the latter was expected to pursuade Cairo to make the first move of disengaging its forces from those of Israel.

All indications were that Cairo was prepared to go ahead with an Israeli offer for a pull-back into Sinai east of the Suez Canal and the creation of a Unef-controlled buffer zone in the region. The Egyptians however are said to be demanding a timetable for such a withdrawal, which Cairo further wants to be part of an overall settlement.

The Egyptians further object to linking disengagement with reopening of the Suez Canal and their military strategy along the waterway once normal navigation is restored there. In this context, the Egyptians were reported to be already questioning the future presence of Unef whose term officially expires in April under the six-month mandate extended by the U.N. Security Council last October.

Unofficial reports from Cairo said that Egypt was examining currently the preparedness of the U.S. and the Soviet Union to be possible alternatives for Unef in manning buffer zones, pending a final settlement to the Israel-Arab conflict.

But despite these reports there seemed to be no doubt about the extension of the mandate of Unef which is already preparing for a possible takeover of a buffer zone at the Suez Canal front.

Geneva meeting lasts 70 mins.

By MARCO BRODSKY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

GENEVA. — The Israel-Egypt military working group on disengagement met here for 70 minutes yesterday and set its next meeting for January 15. A tight news blackout was maintained.

The diplomatic head of the Egyptian delegation, Ambassador Husain Khallaf told Swiss radio yesterday that under no circumstances would Egypt accept the idea that disengagement would be the first success for the peace talks. "Disengagement is a condition for the opening of the talks," he said.

Brezhnev letter

DAMASCUS (UPI). — Soviet Ambassador Noureddin Moheiddinov yesterday delivered a letter from Leonid I. Brezhnev, secretary-general of the Soviet Communist Party, to President Hafez Assad, Damascus Radio said.

Egypt hasn't rejected proposals

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Dr. Kissinger's decision to visit Egypt is seen by observers here as evidence that Cairo has not rejected out of hand the principles of disengagement which the U.S. Secretary discussed with Israel Defence Minister Moshe Dayan last weekend in Washington. The content of the Kissinger-Dayan talks was transmitted from Washington to Cairo, and Egypt's reaction was positive enough to encourage the Secretary to make his trip.

Egypt has many reservations to the outline proposals which Kissinger and Dayan discussed. The U.S. Secretary will want to review these with President Sadat, and also to discuss with him the detailed implication of the disengagement principles.

He hopes to obtain Sadat's approval for an overall plan which he knows from his conversations with Dayan is acceptable to Israel too. Having obtained that approval, he will then come to Israel to set the seal on another round of personal diplomacy reminiscent of the October 22 cease-fire and November 11 Six Point agreement.

When Kissinger flies out of Cairo, Egypt's Foreign Minister Fahmy will leave simultaneously for Moscow to consult with Soviet leaders on Kissinger's disengagement proposals. And when the Secretary flies out of Lod the Israeli Cabinet will meet to hear the upshot of his talks in Cairo and Jerusalem and give its approval to the detailed disengagement plan that has emerged. This is the scenario which Dr. Kissinger contemplates.

Thus, by the middle of next week, the disengagement question should be basically settled, with the "loose ends" to be tied by the military working group in Geneva before the end of the month. At that time the parties' Foreign Ministers will reassemble in Geneva to formally ratify the disengagement agreement.

(By then a new government will have been formed in Israel, and there will be no question of its legal competence to sign the agreement.)

Before then, the various ambassadors who head the permanent delegations to the peace conference will have reconvened at Geneva to discuss the next stage. They will decide on the establishment of more "working groups" in addition to the military one, and on their agendas of discussion. Israel had not yet announced the appointment of its permanent head of mission, but observers say that Ephraim Evron, the Foreign Ministry official who headed the mission last month, will probably receive the post.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman announced last night that Israel had not formulated any definite proposal for disengagement of forces and was awaiting Dr. Kissinger's visit before "developing a concrete proposal."

It is known, though, that Israel's broad ideas for disengagement, as discussed by Messrs. Kissinger and Dayan in Washington, involve:

- a phased Israeli pullback from the west bank of the Canal, and from its east bank to a line just west of the Mitla and Gidi Passes.
- the establishment of a demilitarized zone between Israeli and Egyptian forces in Sinai.
- UNEF troops to take up positions in this demilitarized zone.
- a reduction and thinning-out of Egyptian forces remaining on the east bank of the waterway.
- the gradual rehabilitation of the Canal-side cities by Egypt.
- preparations by Egypt to reopen the Canal to shipping — and its eventual reopening.
- a "political gesture" by Egypt in the form of a declaration of intent to refrain from hostilities.
- a declaration by Israel recognising that the Mitla-Gidi line is not to be the final line and will change with the advent of peace.

These last two points are expected to be the subject of tough bargaining. While Egypt — and the super-powers — are keenly interested in a disengagement, Egypt suspects that Israel intends the new (and militarily advantageous lines) to harden into a long-term arrangement. (It was this Egyptian suspicion which partly caused the failure of the essentially similar "partial settlement" initiative of 1971.)

Israel for its part is prepared to undertake that the disengagement lines will not be the final lines, but it wants the disengagement agreement to remain in force for some length of time as a "probation period" of Egypt's sincerity and intent. Israel would see Egypt's reopening of the Canal and rehabilitation of the area during that period as a convincing sign of her good faith and intent to move towards peace.

To this end, too, Israel is seeking some formal declaration by Egypt renouncing the war option. Obviously, a formal announcement terminating the state of belligerency would be premature from Egypt's point of view, but Israel is hoping for some lesser declaration — of intent to maintain a cease-fire or abstain from active hostilities.

Nixon calls int'l parley over energy crisis

SAN CLEMENTE, California. — President Nixon yesterday invited Foreign Ministers of six West European countries, Canada and Japan to attend a meeting in Washington on February 11 to discuss a "action programme" to deal with the world oil shortage.

The West European countries are Britain, France, West Germany, Italy, Holland and Norway.

The White House also said Mr. Nixon had sent personal messages to heads of state of the world's oil producing countries informing them of the meeting and suggesting a later international conference of both producer and consumer nations.

The exporting organization has been discussing plans for a similar meeting during sessions in Geneva this week.

The planned meeting was portrayed as the first phase of the energy action group outlined by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger last month. He called for the establishment of the group for a joint examination and solution of the problems raised by the world energy crisis. Kissinger had also raised the possibility of a global depression unless the oil producing and consuming nations band together in a common policy.

In Brussels, the Common Market Executive Commission yesterday urged the nine member Governments to make a positive reply to the U.S. proposal for an energy action group. A spokesman said that the Commission's proposal had already reached the nine Governments and that the Commission hopes they will take it up at a meeting of their Foreign Ministers that begins in Brussels on Monday.

White House sources said the U.S. aim is to agree on a common strategy for dealing with the Arabs on oil prices and supplies — and, if possible, coordinate policies between the consumer and producer nations to shape a long-term solution for the world's energy problems.

Mr. Nixon's appeals for international action to combat the fuel shortage is likely to be given added urgency by a massive increase in the wholesale cost of oil and petrol in the U.S., political observers said yesterday. *(Reuter, A.P.)*

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M.K. asks probe into complaints of reservists

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Likud M.K. Yosef Tamir has asked State Comptroller Dr. Yitzhak Nebenzahl to have the Ombudsman investigate complaints by soldiers in the reserve forces that the Army is not distributing the burden of reserve service fairly and evenly.

(The State Comptroller is responsible for the work of the Ombudsman, Gershon Avner. The Ombudsman Law empowers Knesset Members to air general complaints with the Ombudsman which do not concern specific victims of maladministration, but which seem *prima facie* to reflect "excessive harshness or patent injustice" — as the law puts it.)

Mr. Tamir told *The Post* that dozens of reserve soldiers had written him, or spoken to him, complaining that whereas they had been in uniform ever since Yom Kippur and had no idea when they would be discharged, large numbers of their friends and acquaintances back home had not been called up for a single day.

He said that two letters on the subject which he had written to Defence Minister Moshe Dayan had produced the replies that "the matter was being taken up."

Mr. Tamir said that while statements by Chief of Staff R/A David Elazar, and Manpower Branch Chief Herzl Shafir, about calling up fresh reservists and training them to take over duties of men who had served long periods already, "sounded all right as far as the intention was concerned, they were not being implemented."

He said the facts had to be checked, because of the damage already done to morale by the complaints making the rounds in the forces.

IN TOMORROW'S THE JERUSALEM POST MAGAZINE

A professor of political science and a surprise "winner" write about the elections. **Dr. ASHER ARIAN** says the Labour Party's continued dominance in Israel's political life has been underscored. **SHULAMIT ALONI** talks to **MARK SEGAL** about her unexpected showing in the polls.

The interplay of military shock and firepower are examined by **MARTIN VAN CREVELD** against the background of the October War.

Two books by **AVRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL** are reviewed in the Book Section.

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Social and Personal

Dr. Avraham Neeman, head of the Industrial Development Bank, was re-elected chairman of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce at its annual general meeting yesterday. The meeting was followed by a reception for the new Canadian Commercial Attache, Robert J. McGavin, and his deputy, Paul S. Dingledine. The Canadian Ambassador, M.T. Paul Malone, and the president of the Tel Aviv Chamber of Commerce, Avraham Ben Yakar, were among those present.

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A delegation representing Bavarian youth organizations, yesterday called on Uri Alpert, Secretary General of the Tel Aviv Labour Council.

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The annual bazaar of Akim, the Israel Association for Rehabilitation of the Mentally Handicapped, will take place from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. next Tuesday at ZOA House in Tel Aviv, under the auspices of the wife of the Chief of Staff, Talma Elazar. Works of art, handicrafts, apparel and baked goods will be on sale.

ARRIVALS

Werner Figgen, Minister of Health, Social Welfare and Labour of North Rhine-Westphalia, for a ten-day visit as guest of the Labour Party and the Labour Ministry.

Mrs. Max Matzkin, national president of Hadassah; Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency Executive; Faye Schenk, chairman of Hadassah Medical Organization; and Frieda Lewis, national treasurer of Hadassah — from New York, for meetings in Jerusalem.

IDI AMIN CABLES DAYAN

TEL AVIV. — Officials dismissed as "ridiculous" a cable received yesterday by Defence Minister Moshe Dayan from Uganda's President, Idi Amin, predicting the "liberation of Palestine" before the end of 1975.

The 718-word telegram arrived at the Defence Ministry 12 hours after it was sent by ordinary cable from Kampala.

President Amin said he sent the cable at the request of a suicide organisation comprising volunteers throughout the world who had pledged to die for the Arab cause.

"You are aware of my dream predicting the liberation of Palestine before the end of 1975. If you do not comply with my advice, Palestine will be liberated by force," he wrote.

"This is advance warning which I feel compelled to give to save the lives of innocent Israelis," President Amin said.

Defence Ministry officials said Mr. Dayan had no intention of replying to the cable, which he did not consider serious.

Last year, President Amin sent a similar cable to Mr. Dayan as "one soldier to another." It arrived two days after being dispatched.

Uganda broke off ties with Israel nearly two years ago.

War reconciled estranged couples

HAIFA. — Half of the couples who filed for divorce in the Haifa Rabbinical Court before the October war have been reconciled, and have closed their files since the war, "Itim" learned yesterday.

Dozens of couples have notified the court that they managed to work out their problems by themselves. Many said they had realized "it was not good to be alone during these times of crisis."

(Another reason the court is handling fewer divorce cases these days is that in many cases the husbands are mobilized and cannot appear.) *(Itim)*

ILP SET DEADLINE FOR T.A. COALITION TALKS

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The local ILP branch has asked its municipal coalition partner, the Likud, to fix a deadline for negotiations with the religious parties.

The head of the ILP's municipal list, Mr. Yitzhak Artzi, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the talks with the NRP "have gone on for long enough. They are turning into fully-fledged symposia endangering the image of this administration. We should get down and draw up concrete work plans for the next four years and tell the NRP that they had better agree to some sort of a compromise on entering the coalition by a certain date or stay out," Mr. Artzi maintained.

As he sees it, the municipal coalition, in which the Likud and the ILP have a majority, with 16 seats on the 31-member City Council, can be expanded even without the NRP. He says it is still possible to form a coalition with Independent Religious City Councilman Avraham Boyar or with the sole Aguda representative, or with both.

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Mr. Artzi also charged that the NRP has launched a "campaign of vilification" against the ILP. "They are trying to present us as an anti-religious party. This is slander. We deliberately tried to avoid basic issues such as public transport on the Sabbath and movie shows on Friday nights," he said.

"The issue of cultural activities for youth on Friday nights, however, is one of principle for us. The NRP say they will agree to such activities provided they are limited in nature and do not involve music. We say that with such limitations they simply will not attract the kids," Mr. Artzi said.

The Likud, for its part, feels that the ideological issues could be more easily solved than the questions of the allocations of portfolios and the numbers of deputy mayors. The Likud is willing to grant the religious parties one deputy mayor post instead of the two they are demanding.

Likud spokesmen, however, were optimistic that an agreement on the NRP and the Aguda's joining the coalition would be initialled this Friday. The religious bloc presented a draft agreement text to the Likud and ILP coalition partners and the latter are expected to reply with a draft proposal of their own at a meeting scheduled for this Friday.

Meanwhile, Mayor-elect Shlomo Lahat has replied to the letter of congratulations outgoing Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz sent him several days back. Mr. Lahat thanks Mr. Rabinowitz for his good wishes and for his readiness to make his advice and experience available to the new mayor.

He calls Mr. Rabinowitz' letter an example "of good citizenship and a new style in Israeli leadership, even in a situation of political rivalry."

Mr. Lahat promises to get in touch with Mr. Rabinowitz in the near future to fix a date for a meeting between them and wishes the outgoing mayor "best of luck in his future career."

BAT YAM

In neighbouring Bat Yam, it is still a toss up whether the Alignment's Menahem Rothschild would continue for another term as Mayor or whether the new Mayor would be Yitzhak Wolker of the Likud. The Alignment has secured 10 of the City Council's 21 seats and the Likud nine.

The NRP will determine who will form the coalition and its demands are two deputy mayor posts and the education portfolio. The Likud seems to be ready to give in while the Alignment has proposed splitting the education portfolio into two — one for religious and one per secular education. The NRP is expected to make up its mind by the weekend.

Oved Ben-Ami stays Mayor in Netanya

The Likud and the Alignment factions in the Netanya Town Council have reached a coalition agreement which will keep Likud's Mayor Oved Ben-Ami in the No. 1 post for another term. The agreement still needs to be ratified by the parties.

According to the deal, Labour's A. Bar-Menahem will be acting mayor in Mr. Ben-Ami's absence. There will be no other deputies.

The new coalition came about after talks between the Alignment and the religious bloc broke down. (The Alignment and the Likud each has five seats in the Council. The religious bloc has four.)

A wall-to-wall coalition is likely to be established in Beit Shemesh, the chairman of the outgoing Local Council, Amram Lok of the Alignment, has announced. In the election, the Alignment maintained its strength and won five seats, while the Likud dropped one seat to two. The NRP, the Aguda Bloc and two local lists won one seat apiece.

The coalition agreement between the Likud and the NRP in Hadera was renewed Tuesday night, bringing together seven Likud and two NRP council members.

Under the agreement, the head of the Likud list, Dov Barzilai, will serve his third term as Mayor of Hadera. An NRP member will serve as acting mayor. The six Alignment members will be the opposition.

The mayor told Itim yesterday that the option of bringing the Alignment into the government, making a wall-to-wall coalition, still existed.

A POSTMAN suspected of destroying mail was arrested and arraigned in Magistrate's Court yesterday. The postman, Sami Mansour of Isfia, was accused of dumping several sacks of mail in a wadi near the Druse village between the months of May and December.

Nahariya rebels win against party machines

By YA'ACOV AEDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAHARIYA. — Most of the soldiers' votes for the municipal council have gone to the new "Ichpat Lanu" (We Care) list, which won five out of 15 seats on the Town Council, a dramatic success against the party machines. The Alignment will have seven seats, the Likud two and the N.R.P. one seat on the Council.

The Independent Liberals lost their seat, and the N.R.P. and the Likud dropped one each to the new list.

Ichpat Lanu was founded only about six months ago by a group of residents from all walks of life concerned about a project for a large hotel to rise on the beach, on public owned land, under controversial circumstances which are now the subject of litigation in the High Court. The project was promoted by the then Mayor, Gershon Tatz (Alignment), who ignored public protests and thereby did much to stimulate the creation of the new list.

The five men now elected are Stefan Wertheimer, founder and director of the flourishing Iskar metal plant, Harry Dash, a photographer, Reuven Allon, an executive at Moller Textiles, Alex Cohen, a foreman, and Dov Jeremias, director of the Nature Reserves Authority in the North.

"We saw Nahariya being turned into an unplanned, dirty, levantine town. We asked all the political parties to remove those of their representatives who share responsibility for the offensive beach hotel project, but achieved very little. They made only marginal changes, nothing drastic to clean up our administration," explained Stefan Wertheimer, head of the Ichpat Lanu list.

The Labour Party replaced Gershon Tatz by the popular Labour Council Secretary Efraim Sharir. "Whether this was due to our pressure, we don't know," says Wertheimer.

The new list's campaign started in earnest only in mid-December because of Wertheimer's absence abroad on an export mission. "All our campaign fund was IL20,000. We relied on volunteer work to explain our case to the residents at their homes. We came under attack from the Alignment, the Likud and the Panthers. And just on the eve of the election day somebody painted all our posters black. We did not replace them and have reason to believe that it won us votes," says Wertheimer.

"Our aim is now to explain to those residents who are not versed in politics what we stand for, the difference between Knesset and local elections. The five of us on the Council will watch how they are going. We're hopeful, though we know the change will not come overnight.

"The public is learning," he said, "that it cannot wait for others to do their job and that it must act on its own. That, perhaps, is one of the Yom Kippur War lessons."

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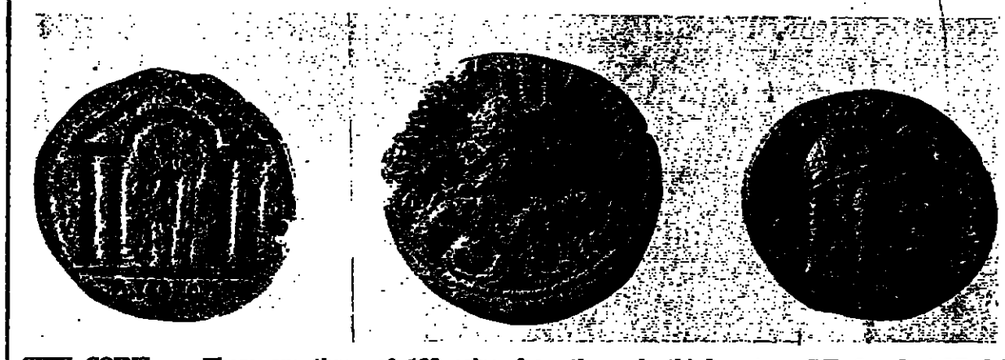

CITY COINS. — These are three of 188 coins from the early third century C.E. found at Migdal and purchased recently by the Antiquities and Museums Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture. Each of them is about one inch in diameter. At left is a coin struck in the city of Sephoris, showing a temple with the figure of a standing divinity. The centre coin shows the goddess Tyche on the reverse of a coin of Julia Donna, second wife of Emperor Lucius Septimus Severus. It was struck in Tyre, as was the coin at right, carrying a portrait of the Emperor Macrinus. The last dates to the year 217 or 218 C.E. The collection also contains coins from Sussita, Dibon, Capitolias, Tiberias, Acre and Beisan.

The treasure was discovered accidentally, buried under a stone, by a resident of Migdal, Kalfou Taib.

Dr. Avraham Biran of the Antiquities Department told *The Post* last night that there are no other known archaeological finds on the site. "It looks like someone in ancient times buried his treasure there, far away from anything, and it waited almost 2,000 years for Mr. Taib to find it."

Mr. Taib was paid the "full value" of the coins, Dr. Biran added.

Moked to contest Army vote

TEL AVIV. — Moked, the Communist list whose No. 1 man, Meir Pa'il, was elected to the Eligth Knesset, will contest the military vote, its leaders told the press yesterday.

They told newsmen at Beit Sokolow that Aluf Ariel Sharon (who was high on the Likud Knesset list) should not have been allowed to run, since he is still in the army. Moreover, Moked was not allowed to send observers to the balloting places, and there was no assurance that Moked slips had not disappeared.

Party leaders added, however, that they got twice as many votes from soldiers as they did from civilians.

Mr. Pa'il said Moked would fight to prevent formation of a national unity government, but would happily join forces with a narrow coalition made up of the Alignment, the Independent Liberal Party and the Movement for Citizens Rights.

At another press conference at Beit Sokolow yesterday, Shalom Cohen, leader of the Black Panther-Israel Democrats list — which did not get into the Knesset — said his movement would continue to exist as long as there was poverty in Israel. His colleagues will continue to fight to bridge the social gap, he declared.

80,374 TRAVELLERS passed through Lod Airport during December, 8.9 per cent fewer than used the airport in December 1972. Of those who travelled through Lod this December, 51,593, or 64.2 per cent, flew El Al, compared to 46.4 per cent last year.

Aloni ready for Knesset bloc with ILP

The Citizens Rights Movement, headed by Shulamit Aloni, announced yesterday that it was ready to set up a parliamentary bloc with the ILP, on condition that all members have freedom of vote in matters of religion and state, personal status and women's rights. In all other matters the bloc would work out a joint programme, the announcement said.

The ILP secretary, Yitzhak Barkai, last night welcomed the Aloni group's decision and said his party would convene its executive forums in the next few days to discuss setting up the bloc.

Such a faction, with seven Knesset members, could ask for a more important Cabinet portfolio.

One problem dogging the formation of the joint Knesset faction is that Mrs. Aloni's group would prefer someone else to the ILP's Tourism Minister Moshe Kol as the joint faction's man in the Cabinet. They are talking of proposing ILP Knesset whip Gideon Hausner as Minister of Justice (the portfolio fell vacant when Y.S. Shapiro resigned), or Hillel Seidel as Minister of Labour or Social Welfare.

Greek liner pays last call of season

HAIFA. — The Greek passenger liner s.s. Delphi, chartered by the Clarksons Travel Company of London, paid her final call of the season here yesterday.

Arriving from Beirut on a Mediterranean cruise, she brought a record number of 550 British tourists, who visited Jerusalem and Galilee during their day long stay. The company's agent in Israel, Mr. Edwin Luft, of the Daka Travel Service, told *The Post* the ship would resume her cruise calls in April.

Debate over Agriculture portfolio

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Premier Golda Meir has to resolve a tug-of-war between the moshav and the kibbutz movements over the Agriculture portfolio in her new Cabinet.

The Moshav Movement secretariat yesterday reiterated its earlier position that it should provide the next Minister of Agriculture and they proposed their secretary, Avraham Uzan, of Moshav Gilat, a former Deputy Minister.

The Ihud Hakibbutzim has demanded that the incumbent Haim Gvati, of Kibbutz Yifat, remain at his post.

They have the influential backing of the two other major kibbutz movements — Kibbutz Hameuhad and Kibbutz Artzi.

Mr. Uzan's stock is rising in the light of reports that Aharon Yadlin of Kibbutz Hatzerim might move from Labour Party headquarters to the Ministry of Absorption. Mr. Yadlin's elevation would thus settle the Ihud demand for Cabinet representation.

Mapam, which now holds the Absorption Ministry, will reportedly get the Development portfolio, held since 1970 also by Mr. Gvati, as well as keeping Health.

A struggle is reported inside the Gush bloc of ex-Mapai politicians who dominate the Labour Party machine between the supporters of outgoing Tel Aviv Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Alignment election campaign chief Avraham Ofer for the Housing portfolio, which falls vacant now that Mr. Sharef is to retire.

Alternatively Mr. Rabinowitz is mentioned as succeeding Mr. Yadlin as Party Secretary.

SHAIKE ON JORDAN TV

Israelis watching Jordan TV last night saw a familiar face — actor Shaike Ophir. He acted in Alfred Hitchcock's "The Wax Work," which was screened by Amman.

His name, Shai K. Ophir, appeared in the credits, of course.

Writers spurn membership in Histadrut

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — When the heads of the Hebrew Writers Association called on the Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Yeruham Meshel, yesterday, they were asked: "Why don't you join the Histadrut, like any other professional union?"

President Shin Shalom and members of the presidium Yisrael Cohen and B.Y. Michali, did not react.

Dov Chomski, secretary of the Association, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the suggestion will be brought to the executive council "some day." But only the national convention can change the Association's status, he said.

Founded by Chaim Nahman Bialik in the early 1930s, it serves both as a professional union and as a cultural association.

There are precedents in the Histadrut of practical association with organizations whose members are not all eligible for Histadrut membership for political reasons. For instance, the Teachers Union and the Hapoel Hamizrahi organization are both affiliated to the Histadrut.

IL1m. in grants for needy pupils

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Since the beginning of the school year the Social Welfare Ministry has spent over IL1m. on school grants to 78,000 children on low-income families, Ministry spokesman Avraham Hofman said this week.

Under a new arrangement, families which did not originally qualify for the grants, but whose income has been lowered due to the mobilization of the breadwinner, may now apply for them too, he said. The deadline for new applications, which should be made directly to school principals, is January 18.

The grants range between IL150 and IL240, depending on the child's age. They are given to youngsters of families where income per member is less than IL115 per month. The money is destined to help pupils buy school uniforms, books and supplies. The bulk of the grants has gone to elementary school pupils, with high school pupils receiving about one third.

Fording a flooded Tel Aviv street near the Central Bus Station in Tel Aviv yesterday. (Shmuel Rahman)

Rains please farmers

TEL AVIV. — Farmers throughout the country are pleased with the rains, but the success of their crops depends on more substantial rains before the end of the season.

Although there was heavy rain in the Lake Kinneret area yesterday afternoon, its level remains dangerously low. The replenishing of its supply will depend on flood waters from the wadis feeding the basin and the melting of the Hermon snows at the end of the winter.

The rains, accompanied by thunder storms, are expected to continue today and to taper off tomorrow. Snow may fall in the Golan, and Galilee. There is a possibility of floods in the wadis of Sinai and the Negev.

Rain fell all day in most of the north and centre of the country yesterday. In Haifa, downpours stopped work in the port several times.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy with occasional rain and scattered thunder storms.

Weather synopsis: Low south of Cyprus causing rain in our region.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	86	6—8	6—9
Golan	98	3—4	2—5
Nahariya	72	14—16	9—16
Safad	98	4—7	4—7
Haifa	73	10—15	10—15
Tiberias	92	18—14	9—15
Nazareth	—	7—12	6—15
Afula	71	9—15	6—16
Shomron	92	7—9	6—10
Tel Aviv	67	10—16	9—17
Lod	67	7—16	7—18
Jericho	87	8—16	8—17
Gaza	78	10—16	10—18
Beersheba	52	9—15	9—16
Eilat	53	12—21	12—22
Tiran	45	12—20	12—21

Employers: workers haven't earned raises

By DAVID KEIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Wages rose more than output per man-hour in 1973, according to the Manufacturers Association. They say this emerges from unpublished figures arrived at by the Institute for Measuring Output and Productivity.

The Association's Labour Committee, meeting Monday under Dov Jacobovich (head of Keshet Textiles), concluded that there is no case, in purely economic terms, for increasing the cost-of-living allowance this month. "The workers have already received more than their share of the increased national cake," it was said.

There is a hint, however, that the employers will not reject the Histadrut's bid for payment of a full c.o.l. allowance outright. According to the Association's spokesman, the manufacturers "do not want to lower the living standards of the workers." The implication is that, if an allowance is paid, it is for "humanitarian" reasons, not because the men have earned it.

There is dissatisfaction in the business community that salary demands are coming in piecemeal. "We are asked to pay the allowance, also to underwrite social benefits for employees currently in the services — all this without being told whether the unions may not then expect a rise in basic wages too," one manufacturer told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

A number of questions must be settled. Assuming that the c.o.l. allowance has to be paid — should it include the November tax increases, which are not, strictly speaking, a part of production costs?

As concerns reservists, they get their wages from the Equalisation Fund, which is currently financed by the Treasury. But this does not cover fringe benefits, and trade unionists are saying that the employers should fork out here as well.

It is true that business firms finance these benefits in peacetime, when employees may be called up for at most a month or six weeks each year. But they allege that they cannot afford to carry this expense (more than one-third of the wage bill) for the whole period since war broke out.

One suggestion mooted in the Association is that a law should be introduced to ensure that if a person's monthly pension contributions lapse because he has been mobilised for war service, this should not affect his pension rights. In other words, the whole community ought to shoulder the burden, "since the serviceman is employed by the State, after all," he said.

Mr. Jacobovich reported yesterday that there has been a steep decline in industrial investment which must cause anxiety about future economic development. "It will take all our efforts just to prevent an economic slowdown, and to keep jobs open for the reservists when they are released," he stated.

He will report on behalf of the Labour Committee to the President of the Manufacturers Association concerning this whole subject today, *The Post* is informed.

Linked loans disturbing Treasury

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Treasury officials are discussing what to do about linked loans. They are costing the State enormous sums owing to price inflation, which has overtaken the economy in the last twelve months.

The linkage clause alone increases the Government's debt during the short period by over IL4,000m., almost a quarter (the consumer price index rose by approximately that amount during the calendar year 1973).

The Treasury spokesman told The Jerusalem Post that under no circumstances will the Government default on commitments undertaken to-date. Consideration will only be given to what should be done about new loans in the future.

The problem is that the Government's borrowings (from the public and the pension funds) are indexlinked, while the loans it gives are not. The Government gives subsidised credit, ranging from 6 to 7 per cent, unlinked.

The average is around nine per cent, from which bank charges must be deducted. This leaves, at not much more than the 6.5 per cent that the Treasury is currently paying on its borrowed money — and that is quite apart from the linkage provision.

Iran may purchase Bonn's Leopard tank

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — A spokesman for the Defence Ministry denied yesterday that a top Bonn weapons expert now visiting Teheran is also negotiating the "purchase" of German tanks by Iran.

But the official did not rule out that State Secretary Siegried Mann from the Defence Ministry might discuss technical and other aspects of the tanks during his talks with Iranian General Hassan Toufanian, director of Iran's military industry organziation.

"Mr. Mann is discussing armaments questions. But he is not negotiating the sale of tanks to Iran. That is not the Defence Ministry's job. Such matters are handled by the Foreign Ministry," the spokesman said. The Foreign Ministry declined to go beyond the Defence Ministry statements.

Mr. Mann flew to Iran on Monday for a week to return a visit here by General Toufanian last September during which the Iranian military official visited a number of arms factories including the big Krauss-Maffei firm in Munich which produces Bonn's ultra-modern Leopard tank.

The Leopard is said to be the fastest tank in the world, with a speed of 90 k.p.h. on roads and 60 k.p.m. cross country. It costs 1.1m. marks and has already been exported to Nato states.

The Defence Ministry categorically denied that the German official talks in Teheran were connected with the oil crisis. There had been speculation here that Mr. Mann was working out an arms-for-oil deal with Iran.

FIRE RAGES YAVNE BOOK PUBLISHERS

TEL AVIV. — The Yavne publishing company in Rehov Mazeh was completely destroyed by fire last night.

The owner of the company, Mr. Yehoshua Orenstein, said the blaze broke out shortly after the employees left the office at the end of the working day. She added that thousands of books, calculators and expensive equipment had been destroyed in the company's offices which occupy 10 rooms in the building.

Part of the internal structure of the building collapsed in the blaze, making it difficult for firemen to enter the building. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death in London on January 7, 1974 of

Professor PHILIP STEIN
(formerly of Durban)

Lily Stein (London)
Sylvester and Jenny Stein and Family (London)
Zena Mervyn Susser and Family (New York)
Wilfred and Chana Stein and Family (Jerusalem)

ULPAN AKIVA NETANYA mourns the death of

Professor IKURO TESHIMA

Founder and Spiritual Leader of the Makuya Movement.

A man of spirit, who opened up paths of faith through his personal beliefs.

A true and faithful friend who, together with his Movement, stood by Israel in prayer and in deed in times of joy and times of trial.

May his beliefs guide his successors and followers.
We shall always cherish his memory.

ULPAN AKIVA NETANYA,
International Hebrew Study Centre, Havazelet Hasharon, Israel.

The Minister of Tourism, Moshe Kol
mourns the passing of

BERTHA S. SCHOOLMAN

an outstanding leader of Hadassah and devoted friend of Youth Aliyah and the children of Israel.

Deepest sympathy to Dr. Albert Schoolman and the bereaved families in Kibbutz Sasa and the United States.

ZIM'S PROFIT REDUCED, BUT FIRM STILL IN BLACK

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Zim, the national shipping company, ended 1973 with a "reduced and limited profit," but did not go into the red despite heavy losses caused by the war, the breakdown of propellors on four new container ships and big extra wage and operating costs, the firm's General Manager, Moshe Kashti, told the press yesterday.

The final accounts had not yet been completed, but it was clear that "we have made a small profit," he said. In 1972, Zim's profit had been IL20m., plus capital gains of IL14m. from the sale of ships. This has been an especially bad year for several reasons, he said. The war had caused the company a direct loss of at least $2.5m., and the breakdown of the propellors on the four container ships built in Italy had caused a loss of nearly $1m., half of which would accrue in the 1973 balance.

The pay rise came to 30 per cent, with another 10 per cent due this year, while there was also a general rise in operating costs, including the increased fuel bill.

The propellors on the four ships, all built by the Tal-Cantieri yard, would be replaced this month. While the cost of the replacements would be covered by the yard or the insurance company, Zim would try to recover the indirect losses caused by the mishaps from the yard, Mr. Kashti said.

All the propellors had broken down within a year of the ships' delivery.

The ships are part of six deployed by Zim on its Three Continent Container Line, between Japan, the U.S., Europe and Israel. Mr. Kashti said that after the screws are replaced, he expected the line to return to normal in February.

As a fuel saving measure the ships will now sail at a reduced speed of 20 knots instead of their rated 23 knots. This would reduce the line's capacity by 15 per cent, but it would be made up by the fuel saving.

Mr. Kashti also announced that Zim has ended the charter of a dozen of the 65 foreign freighters it operates under charter on its Israel-Europe lines. He explained that imports of cement, building iron and other construction materials had been virtually suspended since the war, and there had also been a considerable fall-off in the import of cars and other durable consumer goods.

The operation of the charter fleet would be adjusted from time to time, in the light of import developments, he said.

For the time being Zim would not embark on any new development schemes, but would "wait and see" how the energy and raw material crises affect the shipping market. He estimated that when the Suez Canal is reopened, six to seven per cent of the world's total tonnage of 290 million tons deadweight would become redundant — the shorter routes would raise capacity.

Mr. Kashti said that Zim had had to suspend the sale of two outdated coasters sailing on the Israel-Europe route due to the strike action of the Marine Officers Union. Two other coasters had already been sold, but according to an agreement reached with the Histadrut, Zim had been forced to suspend the sale of two more. Three larger, modern vessels had been introduced on the route and the coasters were no longer needed.

Turning to the passenger fleet, Mr. Kashti said "there is no economic justification for its continued operation. In my opinion there is also no political or security reason for keeping the two liners Dan and NIR running. But the decision is a political one for the government to make."

Zim is a 50 per cent partner, with the government, in the Zim Passenger Lines Company, which operates the two ships. The company's Board last week decided to recommend to the Government to close the firm down and suspend the operation of the ships. The Seamen's Union has threatened to apply sanctions throughout the merchant navy if the Government does so.

Mr. Kashti said that due to rising operating costs and the steep fuel increases, it was now estimated that the ships would lose IL15m. a year, as against the up to IL10m. they lost during 1973. Since April, the Government bears the entire loss.

He noted that the added value earned by the two ships was negligible, only IL1m. to IL1.5m. annually. As to the fate of the 250 seamen employed on the two ships, the 50 officers, deck and engine hands "have jobs waiting for them on the freighters."

Of the rest, 120 stewards who were "real seamen" would be hard to place in the merchant marine, and their future would pose "problems." But from the economic point of view it would be cheaper to pay them even their full wages if they all failed to find other jobs, than to keep on losing IL15m. a year, Mr. Kashti said.

He noted that the trend away from passenger liners was worldwide.

Soviet immigrants at Weizmann Institute

Uri Bushkin, 28, a Ph.D. student in the Genetics Department of the Weizmann Institute, is one of the arrivals from the Soviet Union now working and studying at the Institute in Rehovot. Uri, a former resident of Riga, is working under Prof. Leo Sachs. He says he became acquainted with Prof. Sachs' work while studying at the Leningrad Institute of Cytological Research. Another newcomer is Benjamin Bikson, 28, also from Riga. An engineer in the Plastics Department, he is working on water desalination, water softening processes and synthetic membranes.

Tough challenge for J'lem Betar, at home

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

Soccer Preview

TEL AVIV. — Jerusalem Betar is at home at the YMCA stadium for the second successive week and have in-form Haifa Hapoel as visitors, in one of this Saturday's most promising National League soccer clashes.

Haifa held League leaders Tel Aviv Maccabi to a 1:1 draw and beat last season's champions Ramat Gan Hakoah 3:1 in their last two matches. The Haifaites are currently in 5th place compared to Betar's 11th place, and in the past two weeks have been playing better football than any other club in the country.

Jerusalem Betar returned to winning form last Saturday, beating Bnei Yehuda 1:0. Haifa Hapoel with Englender, Baliti and Inchi in form, is likely to prove a tougher nut to crack, and Betar will be happy to hold on to a point.

Tel Aviv Maccabi play in Petah Tikva against another club that is showing much improved football, Petah Tikva Hapoel. The home side beat Haifa Maccabi 3:0 last week, but this week's visitors will be a different kettle of fish. Remler, Rubinstein and Zelniker are capable of getting goals, especially with Shmuel Rosenthal behind them, but at best one can fancy them holding Tel Aviv Maccabi to a draw.

Second placed Netanya Maccabi play against 9th placed Hadera Hapoel in Hadera. Although Netanya appear to have a better attack, with a goal average of 9:3 compared to Hadera's 4:5 goals, the latter are no walk-over on their home ground. A surprise result may well turn up here.

One of the most intresting matches on Saturday's card will be played in Kfar Saba, where the local Hapoel entertains Hakoah. Last season's champions were well beaten in Kiryat Haim last week, just when it seemed their key players, Sharabani, Messing and Farkas, were again finding their form of last season. Kfar Saba looked like one of the best teams in the country in the early weeks of the season, and a return to their best would not augur at all well for Hakoah. Fogel, Shum and Marchinsky might just be forceful enough at home to score a narrow win.

Beersheba Hapoel travel to Jaffa for the second week in succession and after forcing a 1:1 draw on Tel Aviv Maccabi last Saturday must feel confident of more points against Jaffa Maccabi. The Jaffa team, with a goal average of 4:4 after seven games, is one of the most difficult to fathom. It has fine potential and with Onana, Kuenstlich and Bloom in the attack is capable of getting goals. If Beersheba catches it on one of its on-days, they are not likely to take any points back to the Negev.

The two bottom-of-the-table clubs clash in Haifa, where Maccabi entertains Jerusalem Hapoel. Neither of these sides would be where they are were it not for being hard hit by players absent on military service. Haifa Maccabi have conceded five goals in their last two games, whilst Jerusalem Hapoel has still not notched a win this season. No result would surprise in this game, and a draw might be the best forecast.

In the League "A" Northern division, the newly promoted Kiryat Ata Hapoel meets the newly relegated side, Tel Aviv Shimshon. The two teams have scored the most goals in their league, Kiryat Ata 18 and Shimshon 14. Normally one would expect a team which was last season in the National League to beat an eleven which played League "B" football.

Four persons marked all 13 results correctly on last week's Sportoto coupon, each collecting IL43,000. Some 120 coupons had 12 correct results, worth IL600 each. Total Sportoto income last week was IL890,000. A minimum of IL400,000 will be paid out in prize moneys this week, including IL175,000 for 13 correct lines, Sportoto announced.

Sportoto guide

Tel Aviv Betar v Bnei Yehuda 1; Haifa Maccabi v Jerusalem Hapoel x; Petah Tikva Maccabi v Tel Aviv Hapoel 1; Jerusalem Betar v Haifa Hapoel x; Petah Tikva Hapoel v Tel Aviv Maccabi x; Kfar Saba Hapoel v Hakoah 1; Jaffa Maccabi v Beersheba Hapoel 1; Hadera Hapoel v Netanya Maccabi 1; Kiryat Ata Hapoel v Shimshon 2; Tiberias Hapoel v Herzliya Hapoel 1; Sha'arayim Maccabi v Holon Maccabi 1; Rishon Lezion Hapoel v Yahud Hapoel 2; Ramle Betar v Marmorek Hapoel x.

Chicken shortage pushes price up

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — There are signs of a chicken meat shortage, sending the wholesale price of chicken during the past week up by 20 agorot a kilo, to IL3.70.

The present shortage was caused by a number of factors, according to the Ministry of Agriculture spokesman. Chicken runs have been hit by two epidemics, Newcastle and cholera, and whole flocks died or had to be killed because of lack of professional know-how.

Moreover, many chicken farmers reserve service, and the wives at home have not been able to cope with the situation. They often fail to hatch chicks to renew the flocks.

Spokesman Yigael Drucker told *The Jerusalem Post* that before the war 9,000 tons of chicken a month reached market. To keep up this supply level, farmers have to buy 39,000 chicks a month.

Farmers are at present buying but 1,100,000 a month.

Mr. Drucker was very pessimistic about the situation changing in the next few months. Only about 500 tons of chicken meat will reach the market this month, 7,000 tons next month and before Passover it will drop even further to 500 tons.

There was a surplus during October, and even a slight drop in price. During that period, the Government put about 400 tons of chicken meat into cold storage. It will be released towards Passover.

To increase output the Ministry is requesting the release of chicken farmers from the Army and drumming up bank credits for farmers who need it. It has already earmarked IL10m. as loans to farmers who want to build or renew their chicken runs.

The situation with turkey meat is much better. There has been only a drop of 10 per cent in turkey chick orders, 800,000 a month. Unless the situation improves, people will have to eat less poultry, the Ministry of Agriculture spokesman said.

Laying hens were less affected by the epidemics, and after the seasonal drop, egg production is back on the increase. This month there is still a deficit of 15 million eggs (75 million were sold). To alleviate the shortage, the Government is importing 10 million eggs this month from Germany and Spain. The Ministry expects production to reach 85 million next month and by March it expects surpluses.

The Government Press Office announced yesterday that the poultry slaughterhouse in Romema, Jerusalem, will be closed by court order as of January 22. The slaughterhouse was closed down last September, but was reopened during the October war because of the emergency.

The Health and Agriculture Ministries have asked the court to reactivate its closure order now, on the grounds that Jerusalem's poultry needs can be met without this slaughterhouse, it was said.

Haifa port men urged 'to pull their weight'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Port manager Yitzhak Rahav yesterday made a personal appeal to the workers to pull their weight during the emergency, to assure the smooth operation of the harbour. The appeal was prompted by the recent go-slow action and a strike by some men.

Mr. Rahav said that these actions "by a small number of your colleagues" had given a bad name to all the workers. It had also provoked a number of angry letters from groups of soldiers and civilians, dismayed that strikes were held while many men were under fire at the fronts.

One unit had offered to come and work in the port during their furlough "if the stevedores strike again," Mr. Rahav said.

Mr. Rahav called on the men not to insist on every detail of the labour contract during the emergency. He urged job mobility, to avoid a situation where some are idle while work stood still.

Finally, he noted that as the port had been declared an essential enterprise the management could force them to work up to 12 hours a day on any job, but he hoped to avoid applying the order. However, he attached a photocopy of the order, including the penalty clause of up to three years' jail for violators.

Boy accidentally killed by shot from nail gun

ASHKELON. — A 28-year-old building worker from Gaza, Salameh Hassoun e-Ramlawi, was ordered detained for 15 days yesterday, on suspicion of causing the death of an 11-year-old boy through negligence.

According to testimony given before Magistrates' Court Judge Zvi Nadiv, the suspect was operating a nail gun to build a kiosk in the Shimshon Quarter on Monday when the child, Mordechai Bettito, took shelter from the rain inside the kiosk. One of the nails entered the child's head. He was rushed to Sheba Hospital in serious condition, and died there the next day.

When the death first became known in the neighbourhood, it was rumoured that the suspect had murdered the boy deliberately. But the spokesman of the Negev Police District, Rav-Pakad A. Davidowitz, and Ashkelon investigators strongly denied any possibility of premeditated murder.

They pointed out that the suspect and his co-worker, another resident of Gaza, immediately alerted neighbours, and helped to get the boy to a hospital. Afterwards, they returned to their work until investigators arrived.

The accused will apparently be tried during his remand period. *(Itim)*

European champs play T.A. Maccabi quintet tonight

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi basketballers face an extremely tough test against Italian and European champions Ignis Varesa in the first leg of the European Cup quarter finals at the Yad Eliahu Sports Palace at 8.45 p.m. tonight.

The Italian hoopsters have fond memories of the Yad Eliahu Stadium. It was here in 1972 that they beat Yugoplastika of Yugoslavia 70:69 to win the European cup. The match inaugurated the new, 10,000-seat covered sports palace.

The Italian squad will include several players seen here before, like crack marksman Manuel Raga (a Mexican), Dino Meneghin and Ivan Bison. Ignis will also play a 2.06-metre-tall American, Bob Morse.

The Tel Aviv first five will include American stars Bill Piess and Marvyn Stevens. The other openers will be Tal Brody, Eric Menken and Gaby Najmark.

All 10,000 tickets for the game have been sold out. The return match will be played in Varesa next Thursday.

HOLDERS OUT OF F.A. CUP

LONDON (Reuter). — Sunderland, the holders, were beaten 1-0 by Carlisle United and First Division West Ham United went down 2-1 to Third Division Hereford United in English Football Association Cup third round replays yesterday.

Sunderland, who last year became the first Second Division team to win the cup for 42 years, succumbed to a 65th minute goal by Carlisle's Dennis Martin.

West Ham, struggling at the foot of the First Division and beset by injuries, became the latest cup victims of the giant-killing Hereford team. Alan Jones clinched victory for Hereford with a winning goal in the 73rd minute.

Leeds United, beaten by Sunderland in last season's final and current unbeaten First Division leaders, beat Wolves 1-0 with an 84th minute goal by Mick Jones while Archie Gemmill scored a hat-trick in Derby County's 6-1 victory over non-league Boston United.

OPPOSITION GROWING TO YESHAYAHU AS SPEAKER

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

As the Knesset parties prepare for the House's opening session on Monday, January 21, the feeling is growing among factions outside the Alignment that Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu would not be acceptable to them for another term in the chair.

Likud sources told *The Post* last night that all the constituent groups in their new 39-man bloc — Herut, Liberals, Free Centre and Greater Israel — regard Speaker Yeshayahu as "a man who served his Alignment party and the Government more faithfully than he served parliament."

One veteran Liberal M.K. said: "Yeshayahu was anxious to accept party influence and party discipline. He was not sufficiently credible as a representative of the Knesset."

One Herut M.K. told *The Post:* "We shall look for a candidate for Speaker who can command the widest possible support."

The Likud expects some stiff bargaining before the Knesset opens to appoint Deputy Speakers and chairman of Knesset committees in line with the new balance of forces in the House.

Gahal, the main body in the Likud, hitherto had chairmen in two of the nine Committees on the strength of their 26 M.K.s. Now with 39 M.K.s they will demand three chairmen. (They had the Economic Committee and the Education committee.)

The system of nine Committees, which proved very convenient for the Labour-Mapam Alignment when it came to selecting chairman, will not work out so easily in the Eighth Knesset.

The Mapai wing of Labour held the three key Committees: Foreign Affairs and Defence, and Finance, and the House Committee. The ex-Rafi wing held chairmanship of Interior; the ex-Ahdut Ha'avoda wing held Labour and Mapam Social Services. A National Religious Party man was chairman of the Law, Constitution and Justice Committee.

The Labour-Mapam Alignment will have yet another headache within two of the Committees, as regards their membership.

The Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee and the Finance Committee contained representatives of the three big factions only: the Alignment, Gahal and the NRP. The Alignment granted one of its seats to the Independent Liberals as a courtesy. The limitation was formally defined as enabling representatives of all factions with five M.K.s and more — which effectively excluded all factions save the big three.

Hitherto the Alignment wielded a majority in the two exclusive Committees, since it had 57 M.K.s in the House as against 26 for Gahal and 11 for the NRP. Now the Likud and the NRP together will have 49 against the Alignment's 51 which will entail some complicated arithmetic to give the Alignment the majority it has been used to since independence.

Lurie succeeds Dissenchik as P.I. branch head

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Arye Dissenchik, Editor of "Ma'ariv," is ending 12 years of service as chairman of the Israel branch of the International Press Institute and member of the IPI Executive.

During his term of office, IPI held two congresses in Israel — in 1961 and in 1973. A general meeting of the Israel branch yesterday elected David Lurie, editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, to succeed him as chairman.

Mr. Lurie is expected to be co-opted onto the IPI Executive when it meets in Zurich next week. A new Israel Committee of the IPI branch was elected, consisting of Yoah Moses of "Yediot Aharonot," Moshe Zak, of "Ma'ariv" and Ari Rath of *The Jerusalem Post*.

What elections meant depends on who's asked

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — How will the election results affect us over the next four years? The answer depends on whom you ask — as a Wizo symposium on the subject, held in Tel Aviv this week, proved.

Participants in the symposium were Adi Amorai, M.K. from the Labour Alignment, Dr. Zalman Abramov of the Likud and Meir Pail, of Moked.

Dr. Abramov was applauded when he said: "Before the Yom Kippur War I believed in peace initiatives because I wanted to think the Arabs were finally becoming more ready to make peace with us. Today I am convinced that the Arabs do not want peace."

Meir Pail — who aroused both great interest and vociferous opposition—declared: "As a historian, I can tell you that the composition of the Eighth Knesset could be a disaster. Fewer M.K.s are willing to compromise, while at the same time international pressures towards compromise are going to increase. If we compromise voluntarily, of our own accord, we may be able to give up less and to get more in return. But if we wait until the Big Powers force us to give in, we will have to give up more without getting enough in return. If a Minister gets up in the Knesset and says 'The Americans pressured us', all opposition is immediately hushed. Why do we have to wait until the Big Powers pressure us? Why don't we control our own destiny while there's still time?"

A woman in the audience asked him what he was willing to give up. "The Arabs want the situation to go back to what it was before the Six Day War," he replied. "Our leaders seem to want to go back to the situation which existed before the Yom Kippur War. I see a situation in which we meet the Arabs most of the way geographically, but demand in return that they make peace with us."

Adi Amorai stressed that the election results were not a tie. "The Likud did get 39 Knesset seats, but the Labour Alignment got 51. We have to stick by the principle of compromise."

All participants mentioned the economic and social consequences of the war effort:

Meir Pail observed that money for the war effort has to come from somewhere, "And I'm afraid it will come at the expense of welfare, education, health and other social programmes since cuts in those areas won't be felt as soon, or as sharply, and won't lower the general standard of living as much as cuts in other spheres."

Adi Amorai: "I hope the public will continue the restraint it has shown until now and will refrain from spending money on luxuries so that means of production can be diverted to essential fields, both in the war effort itself and in maintaining the services of the welfare state — including building for slum dwellers, young couples and immigrants."

Dr. Abramov: "I agree with everything Adi said, but I want to add one more thing. It's about time that we started working in this country and getting paid for the work we do, rather than for the fact that we are physically present. There shouldn't be extra people in government offices, factories or anywhere else while workers are desperately needed in other fields."

The women applauded.

Ihud kibbutzim against leaving new settlements

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Ihud kibbutz movement is opposed to abandoning any of the settlements in the administered territories, Mr. Nachman Raz, secretary of the movement, told a press conference at Bet Sokolow here Tuesday. "One of the lessons learned from the Yom Kippur War is that frontier villages should be fortified and adequately manned so they will not have to be evacuated in the future if war breaks out," he said.

Talking about the present situation at the kibbutzim, Mr. Raz said "about 44 per cent of all the males aged 18-65 years old are now in service. During the first few weeks, all high school youngsters were pulled out of school to help as well.

Today, the situation is still acute and the 12th graders are working half-a-week and studying half-a-week."

Mr. Raz hoped that the Ministry of Education would be lenient with them when they sit for their matriculation exams. He was also full of praise for the foreign volunteers who were doing "a wonderful job."

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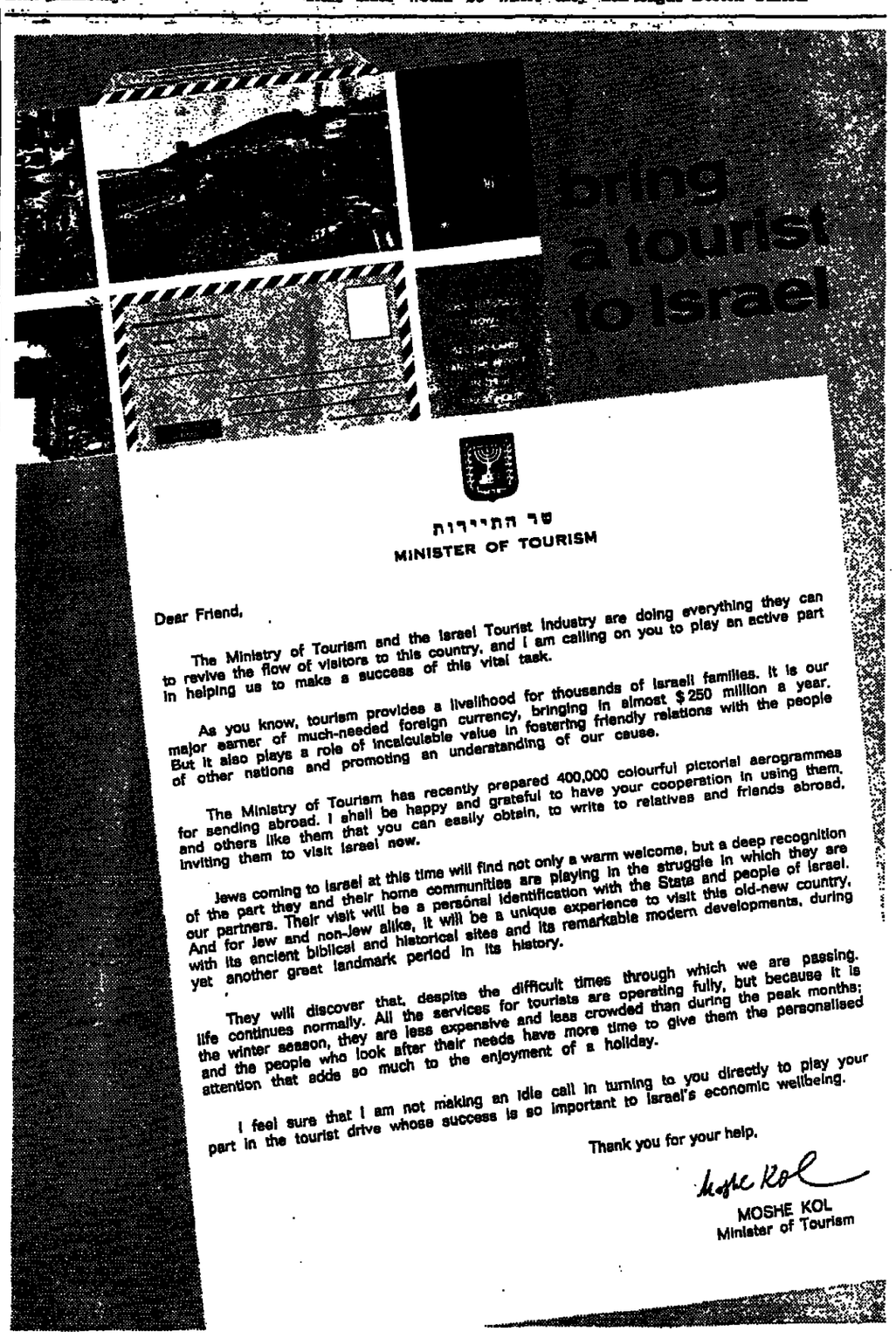

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U.K. WON'T GIVE IN TO MINERS

Heath tells Commons: crisis could destroy the country

LONDON. — Prime Minister Edward Heath said yesterday that his government would not surrender to pay claims by Britain's 260,000 coal miners.

He said that continuation of the present crisis — which he has described as the gravest to hit Britain since World War II — could only end in destroying the country.

The Prime Minister called on union leaders to get together with the government and representatives of management "in a spirit of constructiveness, moderation and reason" to seek a settlement.

Heath addressed a packed House of Commons summoned back from its Christmas recess for a two-day emergency debate on the crisis.

Mr. Heath told the Commons that a 16.5 per cent pay offer rejected by the miners "was the best ever made to them in the whole history of negotiations. The government will not breach Stage Three to give the miners a better offer. This would be breaking faith with millions of other workers."

(Stage Three refers to a government plan to curb inflation and which sets a ceiling on pay increases).

Both the coal miners and 29,000 railway engineers have demanded pay rises exceeding these limits.

In a warning to the miners, Mr. Heath said that "if we try to achieve sectional interests by fighting each other we shall fail in our sectional objectives and shall end by destroying this country."

Before Mr. Heath spoke, parliament renewed for a third successive month the state of emergency proclaimed originally on November 12, when the coal miners started their slow down.

The emergency gives the government powers to use troops, but this has not yet been done.

The government announced yesterday that 916,000 workers have so far been laid off as a result of the crisis and the three-day work week imposed to save dwindling fuel stockpiles.

Lord Carrington — named by Mr. Heath on Tuesday to the new post of Secretary of State for Energy — said in a radio interview that he believed "Britain could get through the winter without a breakdown of energy supplies, despite the sanctions of the miners and railmen. However, the situation was "very bad."

The Confederation of British Industry, which represents 2,000 heavy industry firms, said in a statement that if the crisis continued British industry would be virtually on its knees by spring. "If the power situation becomes more severe, it would be difficult to see how industrial life could continue."

The Trades Union Congress (TUC), which represents 10,000,000 workers, urged the government to set aside its own Phase Three pay restrictions and to intervene directly in the miners' dispute.

(UPI, AP)

(David Lennon's report — Page 7)

Roman Catholic Priest Luigi Severini blessed the Rome Opera House on Wednesday as a gesture of atonement for Tuesday night's "blasphemous" performance of "Jesus Christ Superstar." His followers kneel after a prayer exorcising Satan. (AP radiophoto)

S. Vietnam air strikes behind Communist lines

SAIGON. — South Vietnam's Air Force has begun systematic raids behind Vietcong lines in the first concerted effort since the cease-fire to counter a Communist build-up, the Saigon Command said yesterday.

Command spokesman, Lt.-Col. Le Trung Hien, said the air strikes were aimed at destroying "Communist buildups and their infiltration roads," but refused to say where the raids were being conducted. Until yesterday, however, military officers had said government air strikes in Communist areas of the country were in direct retaliation for specific Viet Cong cease-fire violations.

The new policy of offensive air strikes was confirmed only four days after President Nguyen Van Thieu had promised "appropriate measures" against Communist build-ups.

Scattered fighting in South Vietnam left 121 Communists and one government soldier killed and 25 government soldiers wounded between noon Tuesday to noon yesterday, the Command said.

Communist gunners fired five 122 mm. rockets into Phnom Penh early yesterday, killing two persons and wounding eight others, according to field reporters. It was the second consecutive day of such attacks.

It also was reported that Communist-led insurgents killed or wounded at least 40 troops and civilians in a mortar and artillery barrage on the isolated Cambodian provincial capital of Takeo, 65 kms. south of Phnom Penh. More than 100 mortar bombs and artillery shells hit the city. *(UPI, Reuter)*

Boats for Lebanon

BEIRUT (AP). — Lebanon has signed contracts to buy three patrol boats equipped with light weapons from West Germany at a total cost of $3.2m. Defence Minister Nasri Maalouf disclosed yesterday.

The deal is part of Lebanon's $80m. plan to re-equip its 15,000-man armed forces.

The Gaddafi connection

PARIS (Reuter). — The French League for the Rights of Man called yesterday for a U.N. Security Council investigation on alleged links between Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi and the Arab terrorists responsible for the massacre at Rome last month. The league is France's oldest civil rights group.

NEW ATLAS OF CAPITAL CITY PUBLISHED

Jerusalem joins London and Paris

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

- In 1920 about 40 per cent of Jerusalem's built-up area was occupied by cemeteries; today they take up less than one per cent.
- Jerusalem is greener than most people think; many trees and green areas are hidden in backyards and *wadis*.
- The highest concentration of people in the free professions live in the capital's Rassco and Rehov Tchernikovsky areas.
- Jerusalem has over 150 distinct quarters *or shehunot*.

These and thousands of other facts can be gleaned from the 105 synoptic maps in the Atlas of Jerusalem which has just been completed by Hebrew University geographers.

Prof. David Amiram, founder of the University's geography department, yesterday gave the press explanations of the maps, which are on display in the lobby of the Hebrew University and National Library.

The atlas started as a one-man job in 1939, when Prof. Amiran, on the outbreak of World War II, was arrested on suspicion of spying as he was making map sketches in the Old City. The work was taken up again by a 12-man team in 1962, and completed in the summer of 1967.

After the Six Day War it was decided that the atlas should include East Jerusalem, and the University applied for assistance to the Israel Academy of Humanities and Science. The Academy said that the work had to be done uniformly — anew — for both parts of the city, and helped sponsor a 40-man team. The team completed its work last year.

The atlas is largely patterned after similar atlases made of London and Paris, said to be the only two cities to have been mapped in this way before. It is not bound in book form but consists of 54 separate sheets lithographed in six to ten colours.

The variety of aspects under which a city can be mapped and dissected is astonishing. Along with historical maps and a map of the city's quarters (the age of each quarter is easily identifiable through a colour scheme), there are maps showing the types of building materials and roofing used over the years. The locations of beauty parlours, souvenir shops, banks, garages and lawyers' offices and a host of other facilities are readily available on the many maps in the section on urban land use, the largest of the atlas' ten sections.

The average number of persons per room in a given quarter, the age structure, educational level, year of immigration and country of origin of the population are all made graphically clear.

The important section on transport has maps showing traffic flow and speed, the rate of motorization in the various quarters, and the number of passengers using various bus lines. A special section is devoted to the eight master plans drawn up for the city, starting with the McLean plan, made for General Allenby shortly after the British conquest of the city, and ending with the latest plan made in 1968.

The preparation of the atlas cost about IL500,000 and copies will sell for about IL600 each.

Kidnapped by bathers

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina (Reuter). — Three men and two girls — all wearing swimming costumes and brandishing sub-machineguns — kidnapped an Argentine fishery magnate here yesterday, police said.

Francisco Ventura, 40, owner of a canning factory and shipyards constructing ocean-going fishing vessels, was the third reported victim of Argentine kidnappers in 1974.

Police said he fought to escape when the kidnappers leapt from a car in their swimsuits and grabbed him.

Ventura shouted "I would rather die than be kidnapped," before he was eventually knocked unconscious and dragged into the car, police added.

Ulster ransom demand reported

BELFAST (Reuter). — The police yesterday investigated a reported ransom demand for West German businessman and diplomat Thomas Niedermayer, missing from his Belfast home for the last two weeks.

A police spokesman said it was not known whether the demand was genuine, and refused to give any details. He said the demand was not made directly to the Belfast police.

The West German newspaper "Die Welt" reported yesterday that the London office of the Grundig electronics concern had received a demand of £250,000 ransom for Mr. Niedermayer three days ago. Niedermayer, 44, was Grundig general manager in Northern Ireland and also honorary West German Consul there.

Niedermayer was seized by two men from his Belfast home on December 27 and bundled into a car. The apparent kidnapping was at first attributed to the IRA, but no ransom demands have been made to the police who are keeping an open mind on Niedermayer's disappearance.

GOLDMANN URGES ISRAEL CONCESSIONS

ZURICH (Reuter). — Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, said yesterday that Israel should seize the chance to achieve peace, even at the price of concessions. He was addressing a three-day meeting of the governing council of the Congress. Fifty delegates from North and South America, Europe, Israel, South Africa and Australia are attending the meeting.

Death sentences for seven in Iran

TEHERAN (UPI). — A military tribunal last night sentenced seven persons to death for plotting the assassination of Shah Mohammed Reza and the kidnapping of three members of the royal family.

Five others including two women were sentenced to prison terms ranging from three to five years.

CHESS

Israeli wins in Portugal

By ELIAHU SHAHAF
Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Seventeen-year-old David Bernstein of Hadassim, a new immigrant from the Soviet Union and current Israel Junior champion, has won the Santa Lucia, Portugal, junior international tournament. He scored seven points in nine games.

Runners-up were Dumont (Brazil) and Zilbering (Switzerland) with 6½ points each. Bernstein won the national junior title in July 1973 in a strong field.

National master Shmuel Friedman, one of the outstanding players of the young generation and member of Israel's Olympic team, did well in the Stockholm international tourney (140 participants), gaining third place.

In the traditional Christmas tournament at Hastings, England (inaugurated in 1895) Soviet Grandmaster Genadi Kuzmin was in the lead after the 10th round with eight points. He was closely followed by former world champion Mikhail Tal, also of the USSR, Hungarian Grandmaster Laszlo Szabo and Holland's young international player Jan Timman with seven points each.

Timman, who captured third place in the 1967 Jerusalem World Junior Championship, has since established himself as one of Holland's leading players.

Kuwait still has five hijackers

KUWAIT (Reuter). — The Kuwait Government said yesterday it was still awaiting a request from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) for the handing over of five Arab hijackers held here. The five surrendered three weeks ago from the German airliner they seized after the massacre at Rome airport.

A BAD BARTOK

Music Reviews

BY putting Bartok's Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta and Mozart's Mass in C minor on the programme of the Chamber Ensemble's third subscription concert, (Beit Hahayal Jan. 2) Bertini made an interesting, although extremely ambitious, choice. Had both works been performed equally well, the evening could have provided an exciting and stimulating experience, but regrettably the performance of the works differed sharply. Whereas Mozart's Mass was a striking success, Bartok's "Music" (the first item) failed completely. Its execution cast serious doubts on the Ensemble's qualifications to perform it, but even so it was quite incomprehensible why it fared *so* badly. The orchestra sounded as though it had been tacked together, textures were not clean and rhythmic sections were seriously disintegrated. Bertini seemed unable to come to terms with the real musical substance of the work. In contrast to this painful disappointment Bertini's impressive reading of the Mass restored confidence. He seemed completely changed, confident, conducting with authority and drawing fairly good playing from his musicians.

We were also fortunate in making the acquaintance of the Berliner Konzertchor, a magnificent body of choristers which possesses great beauty of sound and nuance and handles choral textures with unmistakable virtuosity. The soloists, soprano Barbara Hendricks, soft of voice and expression, soprano Lois Yavnieli, with a slight sharpness in her voice but otherwise competent and musically sound and the two male singers, tenor Heiner Hopfner and bass Nikolaus Hillebrandt, in their minor parts, all contributed to the success.

The contemporary

AT the Tel Aviv Museum (Jan. 3) composer Joan Franks-Williams once again presented her exciting series "New Dimensions in Music." The programme featured five widely differing pieces, showing the many faces of contemporary music. The importance of the first item, two songs for voice and closed piano by John Cage perfectly sung by soprano Stella Richman — lies mostly in its nonconformist approach of using a *closed* piano as a percussion instrument. The player taps on the wooden frame instead of using the key board. Cage was followed by "From the Diary of a Percussionist" by Israeli Yitzhak Sadai, a composition for tape and one percussionist. Sadai releases a stream of sound soaring into tumbulent climaxes. He also integrates impressively the taped sounds and the percussion part played in a virtuoso manner by Richard Bernard. At the end a beautiful electro-acoustically reshaped trumpet solo emerges from the taped sounds.

The New Israel Quartet contributed two contrasting items: Anton von Webern's String Quartet op. 28 and Penderecki's String Quartet No. 1, which employs every imaginable kind of sound and effect that can be contracted from the instruments. This important piece creates a completely new image of the string quartet as a musical form. Both compositions were given highly professional and dedicated performances.

Finally pianist Milka Laks, Stella Richmond and cellist Yakov Mense, together with members of the drama class of the American School, directed by Steven Block, combined efforts to present Morton Subotnick's Play No. 4a multimedia happening (with tape and film) in which sociological meanings seem to predominate over musical ones.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

AT THE CINEMA

A lawyer in love

BLUME IN LOVE (Esther, Tel Aviv). Blume (George Segal) is a Los Angeles divorce lawyer madly in love with his wife, and he is first seen in Venice, Italy where he has gone to recuperate after his divorce. His wife (Susan Anspach) walked out when he brought his work home from the office.

Most of the film revolves round Blume's attempts to get his wife back, the lady in the meantime having taken up with a piano-player (Kris Kristofferson), while Blume tries to console himself by half-heartedly dallying with a health-food faddist.

Writer-director Paul Mazursky, who gave us the very amusing "Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice," presents a young couple who are credible, unglamourized characters, and he gets very natural, well-rounded performances from both Segal and Anspach. (The November issue of the American journal, "Medical Aspects of Human Sexuality," took the characterization seriously enough to devote an article to Blume as an example of the American male as "puppy dog, with a childlike dependence on the inscrutable and omnipotent mother figure").

While Blume does have endearing as well as irritating traits, his wife is less attractive. Their behaviour towards one another and apart becomes tiresome to watch and, at times, fatuous — as when the wife addresses her unborn child (she becomes pregnant after having been "raped" by her ex-husband), "If you're a boy I'm gonna teach you to respect women, and if you're a girl, I'm gonna teach you to respect yourself."

In moving back and forth from the U.S. to Venice, the film shows a number of attractively photographed backgrounds and thereafter a number of interesting shots of people in the streets.

If "Blume in Love" left me in two minds, I had no doubts about EMPEROR OF THE NORTH POLE (Tel Aviv), a title which has no apparent meaning. It is a film to be thoroughly disliked. Its relentless brutality sickened me as did the two highly unpleasant leading characters.

The story, set in the depression period of the early 1930s in the U.S.A., concerns the fight between a veteran hobo (Lee Marvin), always jumping trains and outfoxing the conductors, and the sadistic train guard of the "No. 19" (Ernest Borgnine), who claims no hobo has been able to ride free on his train. When the two come in contact there is violence at its most beastly. Then there is a youngster (Keith Carradine) whose aim is to be the top hobo, until Marvin teaches him a lesson.

Director Robert Aldrich ("The Dirty Dozen") seems to relish the brutality.

S.W.

Lufthansa gets first DC-10

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Lufthansa received its first McDonnell Douglas DC-10/30 at the end of 1973. The 220-seat Douglas tri-jet became the first in the West German airline's fleet of 82 airliners that was not produced by Boeing.

Lufthansa had decided to "stay Boeing" because of the advantages of fleet commonality — more economical maintenance, overhaul, training and spare parts provisioning. However, the German airline became a member of a European consortium called ATLAS, established several years ago with Air France, Alitalia and Sabena. ATLAS was prompted by the desire to rationalize aircraft overhaul by having each member undertake specific tasks and responsibilities in this field for the planes of all four members. The scheme started with the advent of the Boeing 747, was extended to the DC-10, and will shortly cover other aircraft types.

The consortium proved to be a superior alternative to the maintenance of overhaul facilities by each airline, and it played an important role in Lufthansa's decision to take advantage of the new concept of "wide body," long-range aircraft.

Lufthansa's DC-10 also fills a natural vacuum as an intermediate long-range jet with a capacity between the Boeing 707 and the jumbo jet. The Douglas tri-jet flies 220 passengers, 22 of them first class — plus 18 tons of freight — a distance of 8,800 km. It has a cruising speed of 930 k.p.h.

The airline, which since 1970 has ordered nine DC-10, will put the first of these on its Far Eastern run.

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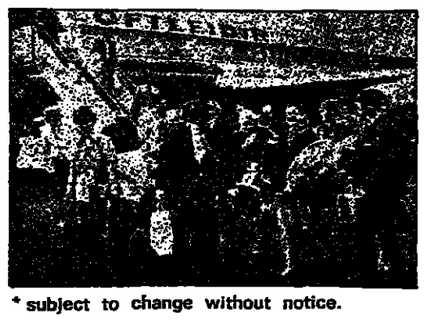

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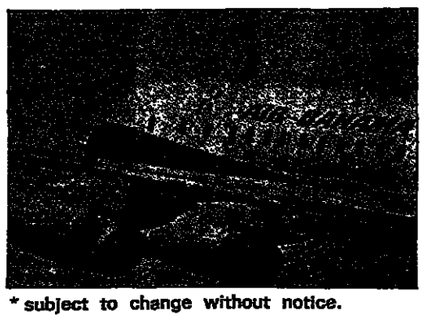

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...l Al stewardesses, riding a baggage cart, are stopped by Heathrow Airport police during a step-...p in airport security. (AP radiophoto)

FEARS OF MISSILE ATTACK SPREAD

Tight security at Europe's airports

Armed troops and police guard... airports throughout Europe ...terday against the threat of ...acks by Palestinian terrorists ...ng Sam-7 missiles to shoot ...wn civilian airliners in flight.

...ntelligence sources said up to ...s of the Soviet-made anti-aircraft ...siles, which have a range of ...ee miles, may have been smug...d into Europe for such attacks. ...gium Government sources in ...ssels added that several small ...und-to-air missiles, resembling ...rld War II bazookas, have been ...en in recent weeks from Euro...n military depots.

...he intelligence sources said that ...ntries holding Palestinians and ...se with pro-Israeli policies were ...most likely targets. In a survey ...European capitals, airport offi...s at Helsinki were the only ones to report no extra security measures. These were the developments elsewhere:

- Armoured vehicles were placed around Athens Airport yesterday with the trial of two Palestinian terrorists only two weeks away. The increased security precautions were ordered in the wake of last month's attempt by the five Arab hijackers guilty of the Rome massacre to obtain their release.
- Italian authorities were warned in early October — more than two months before the Rome hijacking — that a Palestinian attack was being planned against an Italian airport, according to the Italian magazine "Epoca." The magazine said Italian Security Services advised Interior Minister Emilio Taviani to impose maximum surveillance at Italian airports on October 12.

Interior Ministry officials said, when asked about the article, that anyone who wished to reveal inadequacies in security precautions should address themselves to the Ministries of Defence or Interior or if necessary to the courts.

- Combat troops with loaded submachineguns checked all cars passing within missile range of London's Heathrow Airport yesterday in a five-day-old campaign.
- A Trans-World Airlines jumbo jet was searched for bombs yesterday after landing at Paris' Orly Airport, but an airline spokesman said nothing was found.
- Stringent airport security measures were also reported in Rome, Bonn, Geneva, Brussels, Vienna, Stockholm and Amsterdam.

(AP, UPI, Reuter)

Asian protests against Japanese 'imperialism'

BANGKOK (AP). — A student mob beat with their hands on Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka's limousine at his hotel yesterday but the touring leader went on to visit a famous Thai shrine and a World War II monument without incident.

Big demonstrations against "Japanese economic imperialism" continued elsewhere in the city but there was no repeat of the confrontations that marred the early hours of Tanaka's two-day official visit to Thailand.

Fender flags were removed from Tanaka's limousine for his afternoon visits and only a few placard waving demonstrators watched him lay a wreath on the World War II memorial.

Host Prime Minister Sanya Thammasak, who was to fete Tanaka and his official party at dinner last night, expressed surprise and dissapointment at the noisy but peaceful gathering of 3,000 that jeered the Japanese delegation when it arrived at the elegant Erawan Hotel.

Tanaka accepted calmly the shouts and placards reading "down with Japanese imperialism." He said a thorough discussion of Thai-Japanese problems was called for.

In Jakarta, more than 100 students demonstrated yesterday against Japanese business methods, claiming the Japanese seek economic dominance in Indonesia.

The demonstration came five days before the visit of Tanaka on his good-neighbour tour of five Southeast Asian nations.

Thai crowd demands U.S. envoy leave

BANGKOK (AP). — More than 4,000 Thais massed at the U.S. Embassy here yesterday to demand that Ambassador William Kintner and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency leave the country.

It was the second day of demonstrations against the Ambassador, a former Army officer and CIA agent, since the disclosure on Saturday that an American CIA agent sent a phony letter to Prime Minister Sanya Thammasak purporting to be a Communist insurgent offer for a cease-fire in exchange for autonomy in "liberated areas."

A three-month breather

CRUDE OIL PRICE FROZEN BY OPEC

GENEVA. — The world's major oil exporting nations yesterday announced a three-month freeze on soaring crude oil prices to give Western governments time to curb inflation and high oil company profits.

Iran's Finance Minister Jamshid Amouzegar said if the West did not act, crude oil prices would increase after April 1.

"There will be no increase or decrease in the price of crude oil until April 1," Amouzegar said after a three-day meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

Opec's members produce 85 per cent of world oil imports.

An Opec communique said: "The conference expressed its hope that the industrialized countries would adopt the neecssary measures to contain the high inflationary trend in their countries and to control the oil companies in the way they increase prices to consumers."

"Everything depends on the actions of the industrialized countries," Amouzegar said.

One of the major points agreed upon at the three-day extraordinary meeting of the 14-nation group concerned the creation of a development bank to aid underdeveloped countries to pay their own spiralling fuel bills. This ended speculation of a two-tier price system, with cheaper oil for poorer countries. Opec members also agreed that its Economic Commission would continue its price studies and try to find "a pricing system for crude oil in the long run."

According to a Dutch trade union leader, oil supplies to Rotterdam, Europe's major oil terminal, increased in the first week of January compared to the same week in December. The head of the Socialist Industry Federation expects the port will receive some 10 million tons of crude oil overall this month, compared to slightly less than nine million tons in December. Meanwhile, Dutch newspapers speculated that Holland might abolish petrol rationing, due to start on Saturday, within two months of introducing it.

Another major British drive to secure oil supplies got under way yesterday when Lord Balniel, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, left for Oman on a fortnight's tour of Persian Gulf states to discuss oil supply problems.

French Government spokesman Jean Philippe Lecat said yesterday in Paris that France has signed an agreement with Saudi Arabia providing for the delivery of 27 million tons of oil over three years. Lecat denied France had agreed to sell Saudi Arabia arms in return for the oil, but he avoided saying there were no arms negotiations under way between the two countries.

(Reuter, AP, UPI)

Japanese official in U.S. for M.E. talks

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Japanese Deputy Prime Minister Takeo Miki arrived in Washington yesterday for talks with U.S. officials about a recent tour made of eight Middle East countries.

Miki visited the Middle East as part of a Japanese diplomatic drive to secure stable oil supplies in the face of the Arab oil squeeze.

CONCERN OVER BING CROSBY

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuter). — Bing Crosby's doctor yesterday expressed concern about the condition of the 69-year-old singer-actor, in hospital suffering from viral pneumonia.

Dr. Stanley Hanfling said results of tests for a possible lung disease would not be known for two days. Crosby was admitted to the hospital on New Year's Eve.

Britain 'likely to agree' to Shazly posting

LONDON (Reuter). — Egypt is likely to ask Britain tomorrow for agreement to the appointment of General Sa'ad e-din el Shazly, former Chief of Staff, as the new Ambassador in London, an informed Egyptian source said yesterday.

(The "Guardian" this week disclosed that Shazly had engaged in anti-Jewish activities while on the staff of the Egyptian Embassy here in 1962.)

In diplomatic practice, a government has the right to turn down the request for agreement to an ambassadorial appointment without giving any reason.

Informed British sources said that they expected the request for General Shazly's appointment to be agreed to shortly.

President Sadat on January 4 received General Shazly, who was replaced as Chief of Staff last month. Two days later the authoritative Cairo newspaper "Al Ahram" reported that the General had been nominated Ambassador to London.

Mr. Kamal Rifaat, the former Egyptian Ambassador here, returned to Cairo earlier this month.

Brando named best actor

NEW YORK (UPI). — New York film critics on Tuesday voted Francois Truffaut's "Day for Night" the best picture of 1973, and Marlon Brando as the year's best actor for his role in "Last Tango in Paris."

Joanne Woodward was voted as best actress for her role in "Summer Wishes, Winter Dreams."

The best supporting actor award went to Robert De Niro for playing a smalltime gangster in "Mean Streets." Valentina Cortesa was named best supporting actress for "Day for Night," the comedy about making a movie, which won for Truffaut the best director award.

The critics, representing 26 New York-based magazines and papers, voted "American Graffiti" as runner-up to "Day for Night," and "State of Siege" as the third best picture of the year.

LIBYAN THREATS SPREAD TO FRANCE

Sack them, says Gaddafi

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — The weekly satirical "Canard Enchaine" said yesterday that "happy fun-loving" Gaddafi had called for the immediate dismissal of its editor, Andre Ribaud, and a cartoonist, Pino Zac.

Unless they were dismissed, Gaddafi said, there would be no ...l for France.

The weekly said that Gaddafi was angered over a Zac cartoon showing him trying to put out a blazing newspaper, "La Stampa," with petrol. It referred to his demand that the Italian newspaper's editor and two writers be dismissed.

Gaddafi "must be a Jew," a French weekly wrote sarcastically yesterday.

The rightest "Minute" said that Gaddafi "is acting so crazy that he must be one of the Marx Brothers."

It urged that France immediately break off diplomatic relations with Libya.

Precautions at German refinery

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — Because of fears of an Arab terrorist attack, the major oil refinery for south east Germany, at Ingolstadt, Bavaria, was being guarded yesterday by federal border troops. The men manned six armoured vehicles and were reinforced by contingents of state police.

The Bavarian Interior Ministry said indications received the day before had given reason to increase security around the plant, which was also the terminal of the big trans-Alpine pipeline from Trieste.

Asked if the Ministry had been warned of an impending Arab attack, a spokesman conceded that "we cannot deny this." In Bonn, the Federal Interior Ministry withheld comment.

Alert exercise at Lod

LOD AIRPORT. — Security forces staged an emergency alert drill at the airport late Tuesday night.

"Hostile forces" tried to raid the terminal under cover of darkness and rain. The security forces discovered the "plot" and managed to halt it before the "hostile forces" could get near the airport buildings.

(Ttim)

Dollar and gold fall

...NDON (UPI). — The U.S. dol... lost heavily on world money ...kets yesterday. The dollar, which ...med to record heights on Mon... and Tuesday, plunged in al... ...t every market yesterday. The ...e of gold, down drastically over... ...t, dropped even more during ... day.

After looking for more than 10 ...rs for a standard to gauge the ...e of currencies, we are resign... ...ourselves to reckoning in terms ...arrels of oil," wrote economist ...re Zappulli in Milan's "Corriere ...a Sera."

...ing on the oil standard meant ...currency is worth more or less ...ding to the issuing country's ...rements of crude," he wrote.

...veral dealers said it was oil ...ation which pushed the dollar ...n.

...bya's announcement of a price ...$18.70 a barrel boosted the dol... ...sky-high because the U.S. does ...use Libyan oil. But when Libya corrected its figure to $15.70, they said, the dollar pulled back, too.

Thus the dollar opened sharply lower on most currency markets yesterday, and fell further during the day.

Typical was Brussels, which trimmed the dollar by 1.55 per cent during the day to a closing rate of 42.40 Belgian francs. In Frankfurt the dollar closed at 2.8065 marks after an opening quote of 2.8435.

In Zurich the dollar dropped as low as 3.34 Swiss francs at one point, but recovered to close at 3.3862. Tuesday's closing rate was 3.413 Swiss francs.

One place where the dollar gained was Tokyo, where it closed a fraction higher at 300 yen.

Gold dropped from its lower morning prices.

It was fixed at $124 an ounce in London's afternoon session, up 25 cents from the morning fixing, but $3 an ounce under Tuesday's closing price.

'Rumania aliya not suspended'

ZURICH (INA).— The Chief Rabbi of Rumania, Dr. Moses Rosen, who is also the chairman of the Federation of Jewish Communities, denied yesterday a report in last Sunday's "Observer" that aliya from Rumania had been suspended.

Rabbi Rosen said the "Observer" report is untrue. There was no change whatsoever in the policy of the Rumanian Government regarding emigration to Israel. Those who want to go to Israel are at liberty to do so. I left Rumania only on Sunday afternoon, which means after the "Observer" story had been published, and I know of no change."

Rabbi Rosen will proceed from here to the U.S. on an invitation of the United Jewish Appeal, for whom he will make a coast-to-coast speaking tour.

Lesotho hunts armed raiders

...SERU, Lesotho (Reuter). — ...otho police were yesterday hunting for the armed men who at...ed five police stations in two ...s of violence which, authorities ... alleged, was part of a plot to ...throw the government.

...ficially, the death toll from the ...cks on Monday and Tuesday has ... given as four raiders and one ...eman. But an unconfirmed radio ...t said 15 more of the raiders ... been killed, bringing their total to 19.

The government has blamed the attacks on the main opposition Basutoland Congress Party (BCP) and the police have announced that a leading member of the BCP, Shakhane Mokhehle, had surrendered.

Lesotho was placed under a state of emergency after abortive general elections in 1970 and the emergency was lifted only five months ago when Chief Jonathan then said that peace had returned to his country.

Skylab crew on photo sweep

HOUSTON (UPI). — The Skylab 3 crew made its 21st photographic sweep over the earth yesterday, catching up on scientific research work put off a month ago for intensive study of Comet Kohoutek.

The crew were in their 55th day in space yesterday.

...000 Africans homeless in Mozambique floods

...ANNESBURG (Reuter). — ...e than 25,000 Africans have ... made homeless by heavy flood... in Mozambique, it was report...ere yesterday.

...e South African Press Association reported from Beira that 20,000 people had lost their homes in the centre of the Portuguese territory as flood waters from swollen Rhodesian rivers rushed to the sea.

REPLY TO CHARGES ON DONATIONS

Nixon denies favours for industry

...CLEMENTE, California (UPI). ...he White House has issued ...s of explanations — but no ... or official papers — to brand ...utterly false" allegations that ...dent Nixon granted favours to ...milk industry and to Interna...l Telephone and Telegraph ... in exchange for political con...tions.

...eparate statements, the White ...e said Nixon raised milk price ...rts in March 1971, mainly be... of "intensive Congressional ...ure" and not because of an ...try pledge of $427,500 in cam... donations made at the time. ... for the long-simmering con...y involving ITT, the White ... said the President ordered ...ustice Department in April, ... to halt anti-trust action ...t the giant conglomerate ...ly as a matter of policy.

...e President was not aware at ...time of any pledge by ITT to make a contribution toward expenses of the Republican National Convention, nor, in fact, had such a pledge even been made."

Lengthy Senate hearings have sought to determine whether there was a link between a subsequent out-of-court settlement in the ITT anti-trust case and a reported $400,000 corporate offer to underwrite expenses of the 1972 Republican Convention.

In the so-called "milk fund case," consumer advocate Ralph Nader has filed a law suit charging that the dairy industry won a boost in government price supports on March 25, 1971, as a result of its contributions pledge. Nixon met with leaders of three milk cooperatives at the White House on March 23, and the industry donations were reported to have begun flowing into his campaign coffers on March 22.

The milk fund statement, together with a seven-page explanation of the President's role in the ITT case, "support the President's previous statements that his actions were totally proper," the White House said. It added, however, that the tapes, papers and other official documents relating to the milk and ITT cases would not be made public, as officials had indicated last November they would.

The White House said the tapes and other materials had been turned over to Special Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski for use by the Federal Grand Jury, and that Nixon was confident that their private nature would be safeguarded.

"In view of the fact that the documents are on file with the special prosecutor, it should be clear that the accounts given to the public today are consistent with the basic facts contained in those documents and tapes," it said.

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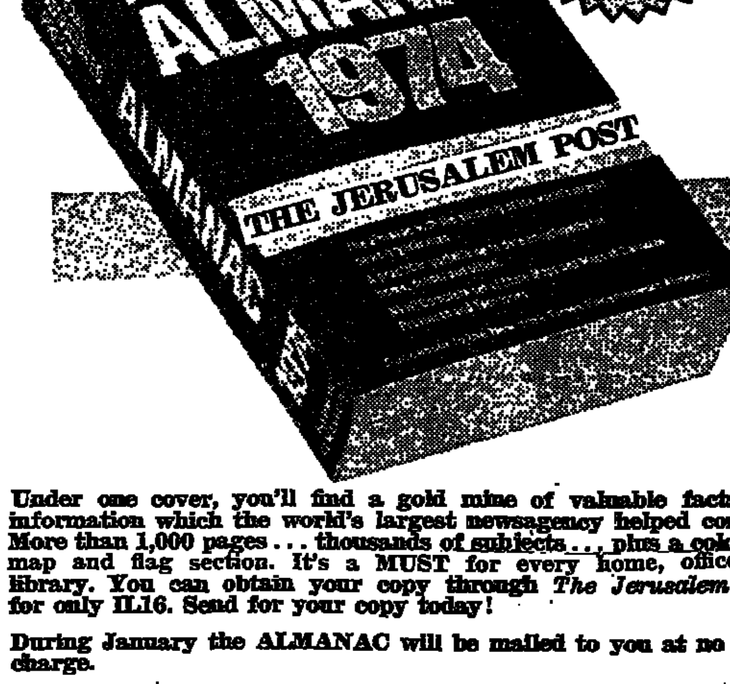

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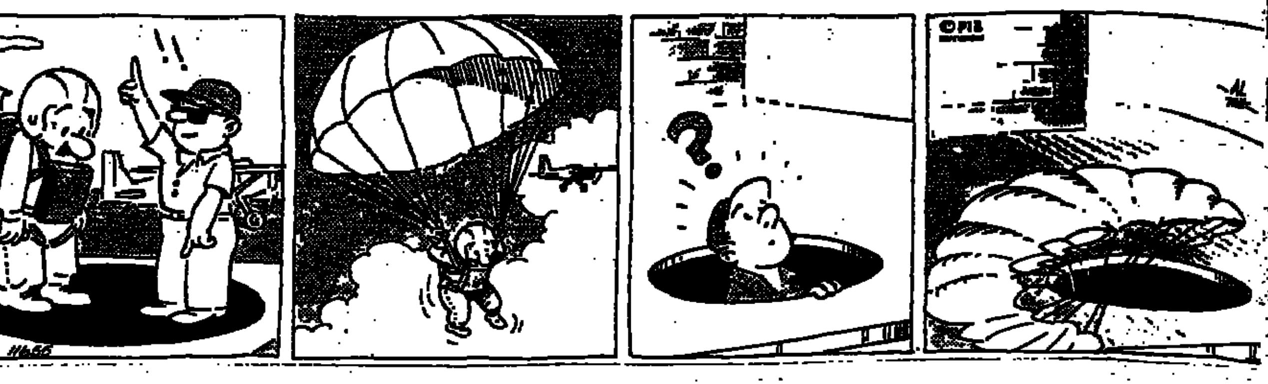

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ARNON: Perversion Story; CHEN: The Raid on the Army; EDEN: Stranger in the High School; EDISON: Dert Bende; HABIRAH: The Contact; JERUSALEM: A Night at the Opera, 7.00; ORGIL: How to Catch a Man; ORION: Enter the Dragon; ORNA: The Neptune Factor; RON: What Do You Say to a Naked Lady?; SEMADAR: Mary Queen of Scots.

TEL AVIV
(4.30, 7.15, 9.30)

ALLENBY: Charley Varrick; BEN YEHUDA: Kill; CINEMA ONE: The Dead Are Alive; CINERAMA: Battle of the Giants (no matinees); CHEN: The Bigamist; DEKEL: The Great Race, 5.45, 9.30; EDEN: Joe the Boss, 3, 5, 7, 9; ESTHER: Blume in Love; ORDAN: The Day of the Jackal; DRIVE-IN CINEMA: Bagdad, 5.15; Ringo, 7.15; Wedding Night, 9.30; GAT: Pete N'Tillie; GORDON: Le Grand Blond Avec Une chaussure Noire; HOD: The Clay Pigeon; LIMOR: The Last of Sheila; MAXIM: A Place Called Trinity; MOGRABI: Man of the East; OPHIR: White Lightning; ORLY: Waterloo Bridge; PEER: Malizia; PARIS: Straight on Till Morning; RAMAT AVIV: And Hope to Die, 7.15, 9.30; STUDIO: Journal Intime d'Une Demi-Vierge; TCHELET: Play It Again Sam; TEL AVIV: Emperor of the North Pole; ZAFON: The Heartbreak Kid.

RAMAT GAN
(7.15, 9.30)

ARMON: Decameron No. 2, 7.15, 9.30; Winston Doesn't Foget, 4; HADAR: The Getaway; LILI: To Sir, With Love; OASIS: The Death with the Lonely Girl; ORDEA: The Fearless Vampire Killers; RAMA: Goldfinger, 7.15, 9.30; RAMAT GAN: Le Droit d'Aimer.

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(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

AMPHITHEATRE: Black Gunn; ARMON: Four Flies on Grey Velvet; ATZMON: Cleopatra Jones; BEIT ROTHSCHILD: The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance; CHEN: What Do You Say to a Naked Lady? MIRON: Battle for the Planet of the Apes; MORIAH: The Getaway; ORAH: Fright; ORION: Revenge of the Big Boss; ORLY: Le Grand Blond Avec Une Chaussure Noire; PEER: The Hospital; RON: Buzzance at High School; SHAVIT: The Thief Who Came to Dinner.

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7.58 a.m. Opening. 8.05 "Famous Artists" — with Fabian Sewitzky, The Robert Shaw Chorale, Al Hirt, Fritz Kreisler, Leontyne Price, Raymond Baird, Monique Haas, The New York Brass Ensemble and Eugene Ormandy. 9.05 "Sounds of Ballet" Glazounov: "Raymonda," Suite; Rameau: "Les Paladins," Suite; Stravinsky: "Dances," Imaginary Ballet. 9.55 English News. 10.05 "Musica Rara" Parry: "Jerusalem," for Organ and Orchestra; Krommer: Clarinet Concerto in E-flat major (Soloist: Jack Brymer); Mihalovici: "Exercises," for Strings; Vaughan-Williams: "In Windsor Forrest." 10.55 News. 11.00 News in easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 11.35 Songs and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 12.35 Midday Concert Dvorak: "The Water Goblin" (Conductor: Z. Chalabala). 1.05 "At Midday." 1.35 Midday Concert — Clara Schumann: Piano Concerto in A-minor (Soloist Michael Ponti); Rossini: Overture "Wilhelm Tell." 2.05 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Listen to the Band." 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.06 Book Review. 4.10 Guidance for teachers. 4.30 "Waves of Sounds." 5.05 "From our Concert Halls" (Second Broadcast) the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra — Mozart: Flute Concerto in G-major, K. 313 (Soloist: Uri Shoham, Conductor: Paul Paray); Cesar Franck: Symphonic Variations for Piano and Orchestra (Soloist: Malka Laks, Conductor: Gary Bertini). 5.55 English News. 6.05 "People and Figures." 6.25 Programme for the Worker and Employer. 6.50 French News. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.25 Bible Reading Yeshaayahu, chaps. 21 and 22 8.05 Programme Trailer. 8.30 Recital — Hilde Jonas (Harpsichord) — Galuppi: Three Sonatas; Couperin: Suite No. 25; Handel: Chaconne in G-major. 9.05 "Listen Properly": A discussion on new and rare works, with the participation of a team. Producer — Avi Hanani. 10.05 Family Magazine. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.35 "Great Artists" — Feodor Shaliapin. 12.05 A moment of Poetry. 12.08 Close Down. 2.05-5.00 Songs and Tunes. 5.05-8.00 Same as Second Programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME

457, 433, 356, 249, 355 and 340.5 M.

News: 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, noon, 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 midnight, 1.00, 2.00, 3.00.

5.05 Songs and Tunes. 5.55 Religious Service. 6.05 Exercises. 6.15 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "hTis Morning." 7.25 "Hebrew Songs." 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.10 Good Morning. 8.55 Names and Events in the Headlines. 9.05 Good Morning (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "Smile" — Songs and Sketches. 1.05 "At Midday." 1.35 Hebrew Songs and Tunes. 1.45 Elections Propaganda. 2.05 This is Rivka Michaeli. 3.05 Popular Songs. 3.55 Encore — ed. by S. Rosen. 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.06 "Hebrew Edition" — Foreign Songs translated into Hebrew. 4.30, S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 Hebrew Edition (cont.). 5.05 Personal Request. 6.05 Elections Propaganda. 6.20 Oriental Songs. 6.45 Today's Sport. 6.55 Announcement. 9.05 Folk Songs. 9.30 European Basketball Cup: Second half of quarter final — Maccabee T.A. v Innis Varese, Italy (live from Yad Eliyahu). 10.45 Hebrew Songs. 11.15 "Tonight." 11.35 "I am yours and you are mine." 1.05-3.00 Hebrew songs and tunes.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
455 M.

6.58 Opening. 7.00 News. 7.25 Song and Melody. 8.00 News. 8.05 Song and Melody.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
457, 433, 356, 249, 355 and 340.5 M.

7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew. Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian 8.45 Rus... 9.00 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves);
9.55 a.m. (1st programme);
1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
5.55 p.m. (1st programme);
8.30-8.45 p.m. (4th programme);
10.00-10.45 p.m. (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves);
10.55 a.m. (1st programme);
2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
6.50 p.m. (1st programme);
8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme);
12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).

1st Programme — 256, 523, and 221 M.
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Short Waves — 16, 19, 25, 31, 33, and 49 M.

GALEI ZAHAL

News: Every hour on the hour. 6.05 Early Morning Tunes. 6.55 ... Soldiers and their Families. 7.05 ... ing Tunes (cont.). 7.55 Programme Trailer. 8.05 Zahal's Diary. 8.30 Request... 10.55 Uri Sela's Corner. 11.05 Warm and Tasty. 12.05 Zahal's Diary. 12.30 Warm and Tasty. 1.30 "It Happened. It Happened." 1.35 Warm and Tasty. 1.55 Announcements to Soldiers. 2.05 ... entertainment with Mani Pear and ... tal Amit. 2.30 Quiz. 2.57 Programme Trailer. 3.05 Light Entertainment (cont.) 4.05 Please Call. 5.05 Zahal's Diary. ... Tunes for Everybody. 6.05 "Galei Zahal's Complaint Box." 7.05 By Request. 9.05 An Evening with "Chocolate, ta, Mastik" (repeat). 10.05 Tonight with Yosef Lapid. 11.45 "Livni's ..." 12.05 Zahal's Diary. 12.30 "Best Mood" — Public performance. "Night Birds" — with Uri Lotan. Pnina Bat Zvi. 3.05-6.00 Tunes in the Night.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE

5.30 News. 5.32 Circus. 5.40 Da... tari. 8.00 Morasha. 8.30 Mabat. ... European Basketball Cup: Quarter final — Maccabi T.A. v Innis Varese, Italy (live from Yad Eliahu). ... Hawaii 5-0. 11.30 News.

ARABIC: 6.30 News. 6.32 Cartoon. 6.45 This is your problem. 7.30 ...

EDUCATIONAL: 8.15 Maths 3. ... Literature 2-5. 9.05 Maths 6. ... Electricity 8. 10.00 Technology 9. ... For Kindergartners. 11.05 Biology. 11.25 Science 6. 12.00 Algebra 9. ... Science-physics 7. 1.00 Electricity. 1.20 Ne bougeons plus. 1.40 Film. ... English 10. 4.25 Algebra 9. ... "Rain, Rain Come." 5.00 Youth Magazine.

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Histadrut insists food subsidies must continue

Jerusalem Post Reporter

L AVIV. — The Histadrut will st on the continuation of subes for basic foodstuffs, even if neans economic unbalance, Uriel rahamowicz, head of the Trades ion Department of the Histadrut, ared this week.

was referring to a request le recently by Histadrut-affiliated mers who insisted that big subies obliterated all economic lo. The Histadrut, Mr. Abrahamos said, was duty-bound to prot the interests of the low-income ckets of the population. He ad that price control must be cter than before.

he Histadrut will insist that full ment of cost-of-living allowances made as from January 1. A ting with the Manufacturers ociation on the issue is schedu before the end of the week, Abrahamowicz said. The C-o-L adjusted on the strength of the res published after January 15 by Government Bureau of Statis. The Histadrut is also expected request that the ceiling for C-o-L wances be raised from IL700 IL1,000. Some trade unions want ceiling of IL1,200.

According to Mr. Abrahamowicz, a 10 per cent rise in the cost of living is expected in 1974.

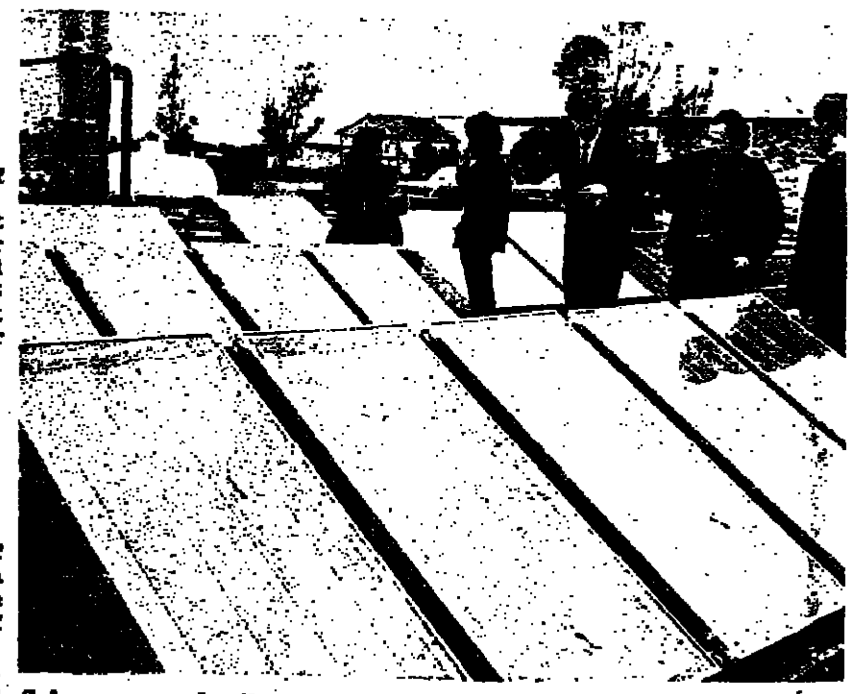
The refund for meals to Histadrut employees on duty outside their place of work has been raised this week from IL15 to IL18 per day, with breakfast rated at IL3.50, lunch IL10, and supper IL4.50.

Memorial coins for Ben-Gurion

The Governor of the Bank of Israel announced yesterday that a Ben-Gurion memorial coin would be minted on the first anniversary of the late Premier's death.

The Government Coins and Medals Corp. will sell two gold coins with nominal values of IL250 and IL100, as well as a IL10 silver coin.

Lod Airport will have its name changed officially to "David Ben-Gurion International Airport" on January 15, in a modest airport ceremony, it was announced earlier this week. It is expected, however, that it will take some time before the name change will take effect in the civil aviation world. *(Itim.)*



Solar energy heating experiments are being carried out in New South Wales. (Australian Information Service)

ENDLESS FUEL: SOLAR ENERGY

By VINCENT STOVE

SYDNEY. — THE world's diminishing fuel reserves have prompted Australians to look seriously at two of their country's natural assets — sunshine and open spaces. Plenty of sunshine and plenty of space to trap the sun's radiation mean that Australia could rely entirely on solar energy for its future power needs.

Australia already leads the world in some aspects of harnessing solar energy. This is particularly true as regards relatively low temperature water heating. About 10,000 Australian homes have solar hot water systems installed. Although some of them are rather crude, they save 14 million kilowatt hours of electricity or 5,000 tons of coal a year. And the hot water comes just about free — so far nobody has thought of putting a tax on sunshine.

Apart from the present Arab oil embargo, the world's known reserves of conventional fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas are dwindling rapidly. Probably most people under the age of 30 will live to see the world run out of conventional fuel.

THE CLEAN FUEL

Solar energy is the most abundant source of fuel available to man. It is the oldest and the most powerful form of energy, and it is for all practical purposes inexhaustible. It is also silent, clean, and produces no waste products — an ideal choice for all manner of environmentalists.

The solar energy committee of the Australian Academy of Science believes it would be reasonable for Australia to aim at satisfying at least one-third of the country's domestic heating (water, cooking, space) requirements with heat from the sun within the next 25 years. This form of domestic heating consumes one-third of Australia's total power production.

Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) has been actively engaged in solar energy research for over a quarter of a century. It is already operating a timber-drying kiln which uses the sun to heat the air, and is also working on a proposal to extract fuel from solar energy stored in trees and plants. The theory still requires a tremendous amount of research. If feasible, large chemical plants would have to be built to extract cellulose from the trees and plants to make a form of synthetic petrol. It is not far-fetched to predict that Australian automobiles will be using this new fuel within three decades.

More and more scientists are reaching the conclusion that solar power stations could be built for a lot less money than atomic power stations.

But the direct production of electricity from a solar cell is receiving most scientific attention. This direct conversion of solar radiation into electrical energy was discovered over a century ago. However, it was not until the mid-1950s, when the photovoltaic effects in so-called semi-conducting materials were investigated, that the way became clear for the manufacture of the type of solar cell now in use. These cells have been used in space vehicles such as America's Skylab, and have proved to be highly efficient and durable.

The sun's heat is directed to one part of the cell to trigger the rapid production of electrons. These cause a voltage difference with another part of the cell. This voltage differential between the two parts of the cell is relatively small — only in the order of one volt — but it can be drawn off and used. When large numbers of these cells are linked in a "solar farm," the amount of electricity that could be produced and fed into a distribution grid system could be quite staggering.

But large areas of open spaces are needed, and these areas must be in locations which have long and regular periods of sunshine. The outback areas of Australia are ideal. A solar farm measuring some 48 kms. wide by 48 kms. long in the Simpson Desert could feasibly supply all of Australia's energy requirements. An enormous battery of cells spread over 240 kms. by 240 kms. in a similar location could produce enough energy to power the whole of the United States which now consumes over 25 per cent of the world's power output every year.

Necessity will prompt greater research, and this will doubtless result in more economical ways of harnessing the sun. The spectre of the energy crisis may usher in a new solar age — and Australia could be the first nation to "go solar." *(Forum Features)*

Prime Minister Heath fighting class war

Unemployment and bitterness grow with three-day week

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON.— THE number of newly unemployed passed the million mark as Britain progressed through its second three-day working week. There were half a million unemployed before the current economic crisis. Thus the country looks well on the way to setting new post-war records for unemployment.

The chances of a quick end to the crisis appear to recede daily with the hardening of the positions of the immovable object, Edward Heath, and the unstoppable force, the miners.

One of the greatest difficulties which has emerged is not so much on the economic front as on the social side of the country's affairs. It is now clear that many people — not only militant trade unionists — do not believe that there was any real need for the government to have imposed a three-day working week on acount of the miners' ban on overtime working.

It has now become quite respectable to speak of the problem as having its roots in what is basically a class war.

The government is seen by a sizable percentage of the population as being out to crush the miners, and through them the workers. The government and its supporters, for their party, believe that the miners and the trade unions in general are really aiming to bring down the government, with the long-term objective of taking over the country.

SNAP ELECTION LIKELY

Many members of the ruling Conservative Party are themselves highly disturbed by the way Heath has mishandled the whole crisis, and there is plenty of talk of having him replaced if he doesn't make some progress within a month. This goes together with increasingly frequent talk of a snap election. Heath and many of his supporters believe that they could win an election on the question of facing down the miners. More cautious members of the party are less sure.

They will happily admit that the Labour Party under Harold Wilson has very little credibility and is demoralized, but they hope that even a Labour Party not in the best of health could still defeat a Tory Party which so far has only demonstrated its power to divide the country.

The effects of the three-day week have not yet really been felt, except by those actually laid off. There are still plenty of goods in the shops. Cars still run on the roads, and people are still booking their summer holidays on the Costa Brava, though travel agents admit that there is a 25 per cent drop from last year's figures.

Still, apart from the darkened stores where the alternative lighting has done little harm to business, but perhaps much to the eyesight of customers and assistants alike, there is little real feeling of crisis in the air. The papers are full of the arguments for and against the miners and the government, as well as prognoses of disaster if the short working week is continued, matched by equally gloomy prognoses of what will happen if the miners win in the end.

BLAME THE UNIONS

Many people are now coming around to the view that Heath is really pursuing a very clever Machiavellian policy designed to deflate the economy, which had been pumped up by the inflationary pressures of his policy of growth at all costs. They say that he has been able to abandon this policy, and take money out of the hands of the population. But rather than having to admit that it is necessary because of his mistaken policies, he can blame it all on the unions.

The only trouble with this, if it is true, is that the longer the crisis goes on the more questioning there is. After refusing for weeks to say just how much coal the country had in stock at the power stations, the government eventually admitted that it had more than 13 million tons. They claimed that this was a dangerously low level, but some people with reasonable memories recalled that during the miners' strike at the beginning of 1972 they were told that six million tons of coal at the power stations was the danger level. There is now twice as much, and coal production is still continuing, even though at 30 per cent below normal production levels.

With the credibility of the government dented somewhat by such revelations, Heath has done little to calm public doubts about his policy.

The Labour Party attacks on government policy came late, and were relatively muted, being virtually restricted to a series of public letters to the "Prime Minister from Anthony Wedgewood Benn, the Labour spokesman on industry. He accused the government of hiding and distorting the facts. While Wilson wouldn't go as far as that, he did accuse the Prime Minister of divisive tactics at a time when the country needed unity in the face of the Arab oil cutbacks.

The kernel of Heath's problem is that there is no credit balance of public goodwill on which to draw at this time of crisis. The British working class has prospered relatively in recent years, but when they compare their position today to that of the monied class, they see that they are still a long way from having a fair share of the cake.

Britain is still a society riddled with class conflict. It remains a fact that even today your background is vital in determining your chances in life, be it in educational opportunities, jobs, housing or practically any aspect of life in Britain. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that appeals to patriotism, pulling together, or whichever other cliche the government cares to use, have fallen on deaf ears. We have been patriotic, the miners say. We have been putting the national interest in the forefront of our thinking ever since the Second World War, and where has it brought us?

So long as many working-class people feel that they have received scant reward for their efforts, while they see that others have made fortunes in property speculation and the like, clashes such as the present conflict are likely to continue.

The three-day week is making many people feel embittered, and not mostly against the miners, as the government had hoped, but against a ruling party and ruling class which has flaunted its wealth in their face for years, while appealing to them to make do with less in the name of patriotism.

Soldiers may work on leave

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Soldiers on leave are free to do salaried work, the high command has ruled. This was announced in a recent issue of "Bamahane," the Army's weekly. But injuries sustained during work outside army quarters will not be recognized as war injuries.

No work done during the soldier's leave may interfere with his military duties, it was stated. Moreover, when working privately, military uniform may not be worn.

Writers and journalists, must obtain their superior's approval before publishing their writings.

"Bamahane" also published a warning to soldiers beyond the "violet line" that by eating game, they run the risk of contracting diseases such as tuberculosis.

WITCO The managing directors of the international division of Witco Chemicals are holding their annual meeting for the first time in Israel. The meeting is taking place in Haifa today.

L AVIV STOCKS

Prices still climbing

Jerusalem Post Reporter

L AVIV. — Stocks continued r upward climb yesterday. DB rose by two points to 157 ,000 turnover), Bank Leumi rose 1½ to 253 (21,000), Rassco rose two points to 64 (11,000) and dera Paper rose by 4½ to 288.5 ,000).

The Natad dollar rose by one nt to 4.85. Index-linked bonds, wever, fell slightly as profit-king set in. Index-linked bonds e become such a good hedge inst inflation that there is thought in financial circles of reducing their yield. Yesterday a IL60m. issue of development bonds was snapped up in ten minutes.

Nearly all prices on Lilienblum Street yesterday either fell or were stabilized at the preceding day's price. Gold dropped by IL1,000 to IL19,000 a kilo. The dollar dropped by about 10 agorot to IL5 and gold sovereigns went down IL10 to IL190.

Dollar cheques brought IL4.70, the DM brought IL1.84, the Swiss franc IL1.54 and the French franc 99 agorot.

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Land Dev.	b	160	159.5
Solel Boneh—10%	b	128.5	128.5
Property & Build.	r	184.5	184.5
Isras	b	144	142
Mehadrin	r	197	193
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	r	86	86.5
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	136	135.5
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Alliance—B	r	490	490
Elco—2.5	b	99.5	99
Electra—5	r	195	190
"Argaman"—8%	b	285	285
"Ata"—C	r	118.5	115
Dubek	b	330	326
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	173	170
Teva	b	1140	1140
Chem. & Phophates	r	52	52
Lewin Epstein	b	61.5	58.5
Moller Textile	r	185	186
Phoenecia—8%	b	99.5	97.5
Paper Mills	r	288.5	284
Assis "B"	r	209	205
Nechushtan	b	240.5	236
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Ellern	b	158	151.5
Israel Central Trade	r	189	188
Bank Hapoalim	b	236	226
Paz	b	91.5	90.5
Wolfson IL10	b	92	90
Ampa	r	111.5	110
Discount Bank	b	195.5	194
United Mizrahi	b	99.5	99.5
Bank Leumi	r	185	182
Piryon Investment	r	90.5	89
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	80	80.5
Export Bank	b	60	58.5
Clal Investment	r	180	180
Clal Industries	r	177	177
FUEL & OIL			
Naphta OTC	r	68	69.5
Lapidoth OTC	r	131	133.5

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ALL STREET

Closing Wed., January 9, 1974

Dow Jones falls again

W YORK (AP). — Worries about effects of huge oil price inses and a higher value of the r in overseas markets sent k market prices into a long de yesterday.

he Dow Jones average of 30 istrials, which fell more than 15 its Tuesday, was down another points half an hour before the close. Declining issues commanded a six to one lead over gainers on the New York Stock Exchange. Industrials, utilities, financial and transportation issues were all lower.

Brokers said the higher oil prices could play havoc with the economies of many countries dependent on imported oil.

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Chal	9¼	Corning	69¼	Kenn Cop	48	Safeway	36⅞
a	73	CPC Intl	27¾	Koppers	48⅝	Schering	62¼
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g Co	11⅞	Ford Mot	39⅝	Nabisco	38⅛	Transwair	12⅞
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How immigration saved hotels, and vice-versa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Immigration may have saved the hotel trade, but it is equally true that the hotel trade has saved immigration from disaster," Yirmiyahu Eshed, of the Absorption Services Department of the Jewish Agency, said on Tuesday.

The Agency is building six absorption centres, for 2,000 persons, but the first one is not likely to be ready before next year. Meanwhile, the Agency has rented 30 hotels to serve as absorption centres for academically-trained immigrants, and another 25 to house elderly people.

Because of the slow pace of building, the stay of new immigrants in absorption centres must extend beyond the five to six months normally provided for by the Agency. There are now 9,000 persons in absorption centres, including 6,000 in hotels. Another 6,000 live in temporary homes — rented flats, often shared by two or three families.

The Agency provides the newcomers with social services and Hebrew schools for adults.

The hotels the Agency rents are mainly in smaller centres, such as Arad, Nahariya, Safad or Beersheba. "We have also taken up the one and only hotel in Dimona," says Mr. Eshed. But pensioners' homes are often in urban areas, like the Or-Gil Hotel in Jerusalem, of the Kessem Hotel in Tel Aviv's Rehov Ben Yehuda. Some 1,300 elderly immigrants have been accommodated this way.

"The service in hotels is better when the management retains part of it for normal clients," Mr. Eshed said. But the use of hotels is costly. "It is at least 50 per cent higher than an absorption centre run by the Agency directly," he estimated.

Hotel staff grew in December

A flash survey by the Central Bureau of Statistics shows a 43 per cent increase in the number of hotel employees during December, compared with November — when the postwar tourism recession was at its deepest.

The Bureau, which surveyed 144 tourist-recommended hotels of three, four and five-star grades, found 4,500 persons employed on December 30. Hotel employment in East Jerusalem and Tel Aviv paced the national average gain of 43 per cent by 61 per cent and 50 per cent, respectively.

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ss Fr.	3.3800/30	per $
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nch Fin.	5.15½/5.16½	per $
e	635½/636¼	per $
gian Fr.	43.30/40	per $
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price: $123/125

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Fr.	3.3825/550	3.3925/950	3.4050/125

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1970 DEFENCE LOAN SAVINGS LOAN

EARLY REDEMPTION OF DEFENCE LOAN — 1970 CERTIFICATES

Early redemption on grounds of advanced age

From January 16, 1974, all persons who reach the age of 69, are entitled to early redemption of Defence Loan—1970 certificates.

The certificates will be redeemed, and payment made of the 5% annual interest, from April 1, 1971, with linkage differentials based on the consumers' price index for December 1973.

Owners of the Defence Loan certificates must present their identity card, when requesting payment.

Early redemption for heirs

Defence Loan—1970 certificates may be presented for early redemption by heirs, as follows:

A. By a widower or widow on presentation of a death certificate and the loan certificate

B. If the deceased did not leave a husband or wife, by the legal heirs, on presentation of a proper certificate testifying their rights as heirs, and the loan certificate

EARLY REDEMPTION OF SAVINGS LOAN — 1970 CERTIFICATES

Early redemption on grounds of advanced age

Owners of certificates of Savings Loan — 1970 who were born before 1906 (men), or before 1911 (women) are eligible to benefit under the law covering early redemption of the loan; in respect of loan certificates not exceeding IL250.

Certificates presented for early redemption up to January 15, 1974, will be redeemed with payment of linkage differentials based on the consumers' price index for December 1973.

Owners of the loan certificates must present their identity card when requesting payment.

The certificates may be presented for redemption at any branch of the banking institutions or the Bank of Israel in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv or Haifa.

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THE GENERALS IN POLITICS

WHATEVER Aluf Arik Sharon talked about with the various party leaders whom he has met in recent days, the very meetings themselves are a cause of concern and have provoked criticism. A general, on active service, who is himself a Knesset Member and leading politician in civilian life should be doubly careful not to give the impression that he is dabbling in politics while still in uniform.

Aluf Sharon maintains that he is not involved in the coalition negotiations. But the persons with whom he met certainly are — and that alone is reason enough for him, in his delicate position, to avoid public contact with them at this time.

But Sharon's behaviour cannot be criticized in isolation, as if it were some unique enormity in Israeli public life. The very real and growing problem of the soldier-politician and his place in our society — a problem exemplified but by no means exhausted by Sharon's case — urgently needs rethinking. Perhaps the new Knesset, with its large number of reserve officer members, will address itself to it.

The problem surfaced when Aluf Ezer Weizman and Rav-Aluf Haim Bar-Lev moved with disturbing speed from the General Staff to the Cabinet. But it certainly existed, beneath the surface, long before that, as officers in their early forties on the verge of demobilization jockeyed for top jobs in industry and finance—jobs which in the Israeli reality are all too often within the patronage of the political parties.

The coincidence of the Yom Kippur war and the election brought the issue to a head, with relatively large numbers of ex-generals, now-politicians, donning their uniforms again. Lacunae were exposed in the relevant laws, but the changeover from politics to the army, and back to politics again, revealed a deeper malaise, not just legal lacunae.

For generals to feud among themselves in the heat of battle is a common phenomenon in many armies. But the manner in which some of the Israeli generals used the press —particularly the foreign press — to air their differences, smacked of politicians playing at politics. And indeed, a few days earlier they had been politicians, sniping at each other across party lines. If there is any truth in the charges that these feuds spilled over into the direction of the war itself, then the army-and-politics problem has crossed the danger line.

Israel has always sought to avoid the creation of an officer cadre set apart from the people as a whole. It has sought to maintain the tradition of its "citizen army," where even the professionals do not regard their military service as a lifelong career but rather as a period of extended national service to be followed by a new career in civilian life.

It has sought, too, to keep its officers — even its most senior officers — young and fresh, by early promotions and rapid rotation of tasks, and above all by early retirement from the army.

These aims were valuable and have paid excellent dividends in the past. But as time passes they lead to scores, and soon hundreds, of senior officers, still intimately connected with the army and ready to resume their service at moments of crisis, moving into the top political and economic posts. In time, this inevitably begins to blur the line between the military and the civilian powers, the line which for all Israel's informality and improvisations, is as vital here as in any other democracy.

New charges and new trials reveal KGB offensive against Jews

"In early October, the KGB took advantage of Jewry's preoccupation with Israel to launch a new campaign of oppression. Alexander Feldman who was sentenced to three and a half years 'strict regime' on a charge of malicious hooliganism is a prime example of this new policy," writes Colin Schindler, editor of a weekly bulletin published in London, "Jews in the USSR—Latest Information."

THE rejection by the Ukranian Appeal Court in Kiev on December 27 of Alexander Feldman's appeal against his sentence to three and a half years in a forced labour camp for "hooliganism" does not provide much encouragement for a change of attitude by the Soviet authorities in 1974.

The KGB's offensive against the Jewish exodus movement as the old year died, manifested itself in charges of hooliganism, parisitism or alcoholism. The tactic was ostensibly to depoliticize Jewish trials and parade the accused to an unsuspecting world public opinion as ordinary criminals.

Before Brezhnev's visit to the U.S. there had been only two trials, those of Liubarsky and Shkolnik, both of whom had been arrested in the summer of 1972. In addition, the Minsk conspiracy case was dropped and the Goldshtein brothers were told that their case was being reconsidered in "the spirit of detente." During the following few months, up to the Yom Kippur War, a period of relative quiet descended on the Soviet Jewish scene. With the outbreak of war, harassments increased enormously. In the last six weeks of 1973 alone, there were Jewish trials in Derbent, Kiev and Sverdlosk plus a new investigation in Moscow. Personalities such as the eminent theoretical physicist Professor Mark Azbel and ballet dancer Valery Panov were called in by the police and told that they were parasites.

Fifteen-day prison sentences were meted out to activists who demanded to be given permission to emigrate. This feature of harassment was particularly effective during the World Congress of Peace Forces in Moscow two months ago. While the delegations there were excitedly applauding Leonid Brezhnev's opening speech, 23 Jews were being arrested outside. Anatoly Novikov was arrested three days running as soon as he stepped outside his home.

Solidarity with Israel

The Yom Kippur War had an electrifying effect on Jews in the USSR. Messages of solidarity with Israel were sent from the remotest Jewish communities in the USSR. For example, a group of eight Jews from Tallinn, the capital of Soviet Estonia, who had not until then been active, sent the following message to President Katzir: "In these anxious days, our hearts are entirely with our people. We regret very much that it is impossible to be with you, but we hope that the hour is not too distant when our energies and skills will serve to strengthen and develop our land."

Some of the younger Jews preferred a more demonstrative method of showing their feelings. As the war entered its second week, three Moscow Jews staged a demonstration outside the offices of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. They paraded up and down with placards which stated: "We consider ourselves to be Israeli prisoners-of-war in the USSR, and we demand to be granted exit permits or to be put in a Soviet prisoner-of-war camp." Within minutes they and the five Western correspondents who were reporting and filming the demonstration were arrested.

As the war progressed, Soviet Jews showed their support in other ways. Sixteen Jews from Tbilisi and Leningrad sent a telegram to President Nixon asking him to give arms to Israel to balance the enormous help given the Arabs by the USSR. New applicants for emigration showed their disgust at the Soviet Union's attitude towards the conflict by requesting Israeli citizenship. As in many other countries, hundreds of Jews volunteered to give blood to Israel. The Soviet Red Cross categorically refused to take blood which would go to Israel's wounded. However, announcements were made in colleges and universities that students should give blood to the Arab cause.

In particular, the biased and distorted coverage of the war by Tass and other news media annoyed Soviet Jews. For example — many people in Britain were critical of the BBC's coverage of the war, in particular their Damascus correspondent who seemed to transmit each and every Syrian communique without evaluating it beforehand. This was not good enough for Moscow's "Radio Peace and Progress." It saw the BBC in another light, according to a broadcast on October 9:

"The British Broadcasting Corporation has again demonstrated the real value of its ill-famed impartiality and so-called objectivity. When referring to the latest events in the Middle East, the BBC in obviously insulting tones comments on dispatches from Egypt, Syria and other Arab countries about the course of the fighting. It tries to depict Israel as the victim of a surprise attack and plays up the boastful statements and threats made by the Israeli government and Command." Even after the end of the war, Soviet Jews followed events closely.

The "neutral" statement of the nine EEC countries designed to appease the oil-producing Arab states angered five Jews in Tallinn. In a letter addressed to "Citizens of the Common Market countries," they pointed out:

"The policy of closing your eyes to the denial of the Arab countries to recognize the right of Israel to exist certainly contributed to the four Arab-Israeli wars. In the end, even this attitude succumbed in the face of economic sabotage and threats of terror. Your silence will be interpreted as support for that sabotage and that terror. Your government has sold itself and its morality for a tanker of oil. It is possible that you, too, will bury your convictions in return for a gallon of petrol. Remember Munich 1938 and what followed."

In early October, the KGB took advantage of Jewry's preoccupation with Israel to launch a new campaign of oppression. Alexander Feldman who was sentenced to three and a half years "strict regime" on a charge of malicious hooliganism is a prime example of this new policy.

Feldman had been told a number of times by the KGB that he was "abnormal," and as early as September, a friend was told that a case had been started against him. Everywhere Feldman went he was shadowed by KGB agents. He felt that his arrest was imminent. In view of this situation, Feldman made sure that he would not put himself into any sort of compromising position which could lead to a fake charge. One way of doing this was to be accompanied by a bodyguard of friends who would be witness to any provocative incident.

Trap is set

On Simchat Tora, Feldman attended the service in the synagogue and walked home with friends. At seven in the evening, he said goodbye to them and began to take the road to his home, a few minutes away. Feldman was followed by two male students and a young woman, who then ran ahead and hid in some bushes. As Feldman approached, the girl, in true Victorian melodramatic fashion, jumped out screaming, carrying a rather large cake, which she deliberately dropped. The two students ran after Feldman, pounced on him and arrested him in the manner of good Soviet citizens.

They then threw him into the car of the deputy head of the Investigation Department of Kiev's Darnitsky region, who was waiting for the incident to take place before he started up his car so that he could just pass by. At the police station, Feldman was offered a choice: He could either be charged with assaulting the girl or attempting to rape her.

The assailants were part of the trap set to catch Feldman. The girl described herself as a kindergarten teacher, but had not taught in Kindergarten Number 505 in Kiev for at least three months. Her present place of employment was not revealed even in the courtroom. The two students were enrolled at the Institute of Jurisprudence, but turned out to be police cadets studying law.

Plans were made to keep the trial as secret as possible. It was postponed once and was finally held in the hall of a club belonging to a car factory and not in the scheduled court room.

Despite a three-metre high fence around the factory, militia were posted all around the perimeter. Feldman's family and friends were barred from entering. The only people permitted to witness the proceedings were plainclothes KGB agents and militiamen who were brought to the factory gates in two coaches. Some of the latter were recognized as having been present at the Babi Yar service in September while others were known for their provocations outside the Kiev synagogue. In this atmosphere, the Kiev court sentenced Alexander Feldman to three and a half years for an act of malicious hooliganism that he never committed.

In addition to "hooligans" and "parasites", the KGB searched in vain for Jewish alcoholics. Ida Nudel, a well-known Moscow activist, went for a check-up one day for her heart complaint. By chance she glanced at her medical card and saw she was labelled as an alcoholic. In Soviet terms, this can be interpreted as a sign of abnormality, curable by a period in a psychiatric clinic. A strange accusation for a woman whose closest contact with alcohol is a glass of *kiddush* wine on Shabbat.

Then there was the case of the Jewish carpenter from Derbent, Petya Pinkhasov. He was arrested on an embezzlement charge after he refused to give up his idea of emigrating to Israel. He was sentenced to five years imprisonment in November. And Leonid Zabelishensky who got six months on a parasitism charge in Sverdlovsk in December.

By a return to oppressive methods, it is clear that the KGB wants to frighten the Jewish masses by persecuting the few activists. In the past a policy of trial and arrest has proved futile because many Jews have considered the risk worth taking. In addition to those who left in 1973, there are still many thousands of Jews sitting on their suitcases, waiting to leave. In addition, the Soviet Union's desire for acceptance into the international community and its ardent overtures for detente are likely to be sharply rebuked by the West if persecution of Jews continues.

The Soviet Union's recent ratification of the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights shows that freedom of emigration is not the internal affair of one state, but of all mankind. How far the USSR will honour its promises in 1974 is anyone's guess, but it is clear that the spontaneous movement like the Jewish one cannot be put down easily or in silence.

Feldmans for Feldman

By TOM TUGEND
Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 50 Los Angeles residents, whose surname is "Feldman," have formed an activist group to obtain the release of their namesake, Alexander Feldman, from a Soviet forced labour camp.

Mr. Feldman, a 35-year-old engineer from Kiev, was sentenced for "hooliganism" by a Russian court during a one-day "show trial" on November 24.

Soviet authorities began harassing Mr. Feldman two years ago, when he sought permission to emigrate to Israel. His trial was accompanied by a protest hunger strike by Jews in Leningrad, Moscow, Tbilisi, and Novosibirsk.

VIEWPOINT By Alexander Zvielli

A narrow coalition is unwise and dangerous

IN the early years of World War II, I had the privilege of sharing a cell in a Russian prison with a well-known Polish parliamentarian and historian. We had plenty of time to talk of many things, among them Zionism. The Polish history professor, during one of these discussions, expressed his conviction that the Jews would eventually regain their nationhood. He had no doubts about our ability to build an exemplary modern state, he added, but he did doubt very much whether we would be able to govern ourselves intelligently.

In those days, the professor had every reason to be sceptical. He had just witnessed the downfall of his own country as a result of the shortsightedness of its leaders, who had foolishly aided Hitler by their active participation in the rape of Czechoslovakia after Munich. He knew the Jews to be gifted individuals, but unpredictable in the mass, with leaders famous for their stubborn and uncompromising attitudes. "The mastery of the art of government," the professor used to reiterate, "is the real secret of any country's success."

Today I am amazed at how right he was. In the recent elections, the Israeli voters expressed themselves intelligently, giving the majority at the polls to the two major blocs and abandoning the fringe parties. Now it is the chosen leadership which appears to be lacking in courage and imagination. Parties willing to confront a hostile barrage at Geneva appear to be afraid of their fellow-citizens in Israel. The Khartoum principle of "no peace, no recognition, no negotiation" seems to have entered the bloodstream of Israeli politics and is doing untold damage to the nation's morale.

Bridging the gap

Instead of the leaders of the two major blocs sitting down together to discuss the future of our hard-pressed country, we hear reports of the likelihood of a narrow parliamentary majority, bought from the smaller parties at considerable cost, satisfying no one, but opening the way to all kinds of dangerous deals. Those who hope to cross the abyss separating the Israeli and Egyptian viewpoints seem unable to bridge the differences between Israel's political parties which, when stripped of pre-election propaganda, are almost insignificant.

The Israeli citizen has been buffeted a great deal of late. He was forced to take agonizing decisions, but voted in the end as sensibly as he could. Now he has to watch the national leadership hurriedly trying to put together a government that will have to take historic decisions. He is still confident that we shall be able to overcome our difficulties providing we have a courageous leadership. But all he sees is a precarious coalition which can only result in constant bickering and costly compromise at the expense of our security and our economy.

While the men in the front line are prepared to give their all, the home front continues in its Yom Kippur torpor, hoping to carry on enjoying the comforts and luxuries which more powerful nations are already having to forgo. Why is there to fight against shoddiness, indiscipline, the uneven distribution of resources, the hundreds of "sacred cows" sucking away the nation's strength and energy? There is no planning to deal with the emergency situation and every industrial manager knows it will never come for there is no initiative at the top. No leader of a narrow coalition will be ready to run the risk of upsetting anyone for fear of losing elections.

Built-in paralysis

The situation is all the more painful because we should know better. Most middle-aged Israelis can remember the austerities of the Second World War, which made Allied victory possible, not to mention our own austerity period in the early years of the State. There are many of them, who want to do their bit find themselves paralysed by the very bodies which should have shouldered the burden. Workmen are willing to put in longer hours for less money, but are constrained in offering to do so for fear of upsetting their unions. Some people are idle while others enjoy the protection of the Histadrut which keeps them in their jobs, however low their productivity and however great their industrial waste. Except for the compulsory and voluntary war loans significant measures have never been suggested as to how to meet the urgent needs of this crucial period. The people of Israel do not need to be reassured, they only want to be allowed to participate to the full capacity in the present crisis.

They do not want to feel that they have voted themselves into the most important asset for the nation at war — unity of purpose.

Despite the Yom Kippur War the national leadership of the ruling party does not seem to have learned its lessons. We appear to be to continuous government by entrenched groups jealous of their political prerogatives, to continued bickering and to haphazard political appointments. What we need are leaders who can rid themselves of party tactics and inspire us with trust and confidence.

Dry Bones

ISRAEL PRESS

Negotiating a coalition

Davar (Histadrut) thinks that the only coalition indicated now — and one which should by rights not be difficult to form — is one of the same composition as the outgoing one, with the addition of Agudat Israel and Poalei Agudat Israel. Above all, a broad coalition should be avoided: it could only produce delay and uncertainty where decisions are essential, the paper says.

Hatzofe (National-Religious) comments on the election results: There were no significant differences between the old, established settlements and new immigrant towns — a sign of political maturity on the part of the latter. The distribution of the surplus votes unfairly gave advantage to the Alignment and Likud, and thus justified the objections of nearly half the outgoing Knesset to the Bader-Ofer law. According to the old system of allocating surplus votes, the Alignment's loss would have been even more significant: as it was, the NRP and Moked lost a seat. Given the present balance of forces in the Knesset and the Alignment's opposition to a national emergency government, the paper concludes that coalition negotiations will be long and wearisome.

Hatzofe (National Religious) on the disengagement talks takes exception to Foreign Minister Eban's statement that there can be no agreement with Egypt without a parallel agreement with Jordan. The statement, the paper claims, is not only contrary to present government policy, but will inevitably complicate the Geneva talks still further. The paper hopes this was not an attempt to influence the future government programme.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) fears the effect on public opinion of the very fact that in the Lillehammer trial, the prosecution has painted a picture of Israelis engaging in anti-Arab terrorism, while the real terror danger comes from the other side.

Ha'aretz (non-party) comments on U.S. Secretary of Defence Schlesinger's announcement that the Nixon administration may seek authority to resume bombing in Vietnam if there is a new Vietcong offensive. The paper wonders what the effect of such a request (if approved, and even more, if refused by Congress) will be on the U.S.-USSR and U.S.-China detente? It raises the question of the viability of "open-ended" settlements, such as Secretary of State Kissinger has attempted in Vietnam and is attempting in the Middle East.

Omer (Histadrut) calls the French-Saudi Arabian arms and oil deal an instance of cynically selfish French policy.

Readers' letters

LIFTS FOR SOLDIERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — There are several common replies given by motorists when asked why they pass up soldiers waiting at the roadside for lifts. They include: "I'm in a hurry and can't stop." "I have to stop every few kilometres on the road to let them off." "They muddy up the car and upholstery." "I need to have a private conversation in my car."

Every driver when setting out on a journey should keep the seats clear of his suitcase, hat, coat, etc. and store them in the trunk of his car. Every driver should remember what our soldiers did for him during the war and continue to do now, as he lives at his army base away from home and family and job. If it weren't for the bravery of our soldiers, no Israeli would be driving on the roads today.

Our soldiers were in a hurry — to push back the enemy. Our soldiers were muddied and bloodied as were their vehicles of war; our soldiers stopped every few kilometres to assess the situation and push on; our soldiers put off their private conversations for other times.

And empty cars drive gaily by the *trampiada* (soldiers' traffic stops) while long lines of soldiers wait patiently and at the mercy of the goodwill of those at the wheel. This is the thanks they get, rain or shine. What sort of country is this whose drivers need to be exhorted to give soldiers a ride? We really can never do enough for them. Because of them we are alive. Can't we thank them even in this small way?

SUE ZOHAR DESHEH
Jerusalem, December 24.

HELP SPEED UP BUS TRANSPORT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Once again I would like to prevail upon the bus-riding public to

(a) prepare the correct fare or bus ticket before getting on the bus in order to save precious time and

(b) to move inside the bus in order to enable as many passengers as possible (who have probably been waiting a long time) to get on the bus.

These small considerations would be most helpful in these trying times.

MRS. REVA GRUSCHKA
Ramat Gan, December 23.

ARAB PoWs

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I read with interest that, since the cease-fire, Israel has captured 63 Egyptian soldiers. Do you think Israel could show an example to the rest of the world by offering the relatives of these soldiers, and even the relatives of Syrian prisoners of war, the chance to visit their captive men. Let them see how well the Israelis are looking after their prisoners. I doubt if either Egypt or Syria would agree to this arrangement, but it certainly would give the U.N. something to think about, especially while the talks are going on in Geneva.

G. GAINSBOROUGH
Leeds, December 21.

TV PROGRAMMING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Why do we have to waste endless hours of electricity and sleep watching talk show after talk show on TV? It seems impossible that, in such a small country, there are so many people who have so much to say on every imaginable subject.

Especially now, when no one thinks of anything but the war, we should be allowed our daily evening hour of escapism at a reasonable time. Leave the talk shows for those who don't have to wake up early — and have electricity to spare!

DANIELLA LECKER
Dikla, December 31.

OBJECTIONABLE AD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Mr. Leonard Sandweiss, whose ad appeared in your issue of December 31, would probably consider it unmitigated gall if an Israeli had the nerve to tell him who to or not to vote for. As for those Jews or non-Jews he claims to speak for, I personally would like to know who they are and if they are aware that he is speaking in their name.

If Mr. Sandweiss wants to have a say in Israeli elections, then I suggest he do it the proper way, that is by moving to Israel. I personally care because his ad made many of my undecided friends vote Likud.

SEYMOUR CYMET
Ramat Aviv, January 3.

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Ministry of the Interior
Renewal of Firearm Licences For 1974/75
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All licences for 1974/75 have been sent through the post to those in possession of firearms, and the fees for those licences are to be paid by January 31, 1974.
Anyone not paying the licence fee by this date will be required to pay twice the standard fee, and is also liable to be prosecuted for being in possession of a firearm without a licence.

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